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chair of the board of directors

There is never a "good" time for an extraordinary person such as President Muhlenfeld to retire. Largely due to her leadership, however, the college is as strong as it has been in many years, with new or updated facilities, outstanding academic programs, nationally known faculty, highly effective, cohesive senior administrators, and sound finances.

Dear Sweet Briar Alumnae and Friends,

I know that you recently received a letter from President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld, announcing that she plans to retire at the end of the next academic year, in June 2009. Betsy made this announcement to the Board of Directors at our April meeting and discussed her decision with the Alumnae Board later that day. There is never a "good" time for an extraordinary person such as President Muhlenfeld to retire. Largely due to her leadership, however, the College is as strong as it has been in many years, with new or updated facilities, outstanding academic programs, nationally known faculty, highly effective, cohesive senior administrators, and sound finances. Her tireless efforts ensured our successful $111 million capital campaign, and her vision has led to the steadily increasing enrollment of vibrant, engaged students. As a result, the College is well positioned to meet the challenges of the future.

The most immediate of those challenges is to find a worthy successor to President Muhlenfeld. This is the single most important responsibility of a Board of Directors; we pledge to you that we will do everything in our power to do so. The Board is currently in the process of appointing a search committee, and as soon as it is finalized, we will let you know by email. Its membership will consist of representatives from important constituencies of the College, including the Board, faculty, students, and alumnae.

During the search we will be eager to solicit your views on the qualities you would like to see in the tenth president of the College. We want you to feel that you are an important part of the process, and we welcome all of your nominations. Of course, we are seeking exceptional individuals whom you feel would be suitable replacements for President Muhlenfeld. Even at this early point in the search, we have developed an email address for your comments. Be assured that any thoughts you send, or any nominations you make, will remain confidential. Please send your ideas to *search@sbc.edu*.

In keeping with our philosophy of transparency, we will be giving members of the Sweet Briar constituency periodic updates on our progress. We do ask, however, that you not inquire about specific candidates since the majority will need their candidacies to remain confidential.

Our goal as a Board of Directors is to choose a president who will continue Sweet Briar's upward trajectory toward being one of the very top liberal arts colleges and the premier woman's college in the country. Fortunately, because of Betsy's brilliant contributions, that vision is now closer to becoming a reality. I look forward to working with many of you to choose a new president who will take us the rest of the way.

Sincerely,

Virginia U. Collier

Ginger *Upchurch* Collier '72
Chair, Sweet Briar College Board of Directors

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A radish seedling.

In the Garden

JANET STEVEN, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

Kimberly Shrader '09 measures a radish seedling.

Ever wonder whether that fancy fertilizer is really better for your garden? Or what varieties grow best in your soil? In Biology 107, students are using the scientific method to find out. Biology 107 is the laboratory for Plants and Human Affairs, a biology course for non-majors; students in the course are answering gardening questions by conducting experiments in the Sweet Briar Community Garden. By combining everyday questions with a rigorous scientific approach, the class obtains precise answers to their own gardening questions and practices science in a context that is relevant for non-science majors.

This semester, students in the 15-person class are running experiments on lettuce, peas, and radishes to find out what varieties grow the best in the garden, how soil composition and different kinds of compost affect plant growth, and the best material for trellising peas. Students planned experiments and started lettuce from seed in late February and then set up experiments in the garden in mid-March. The experiments involve control plants that receive no special treatment as well as plants that receive a particular fertilizer or are growing in different garden locations. The students are collecting data on plant growth and success by measuring and counting leaves on lettuce and weighing radishes when they are harvested. The project will run until the last day of class, when students will make final presentations on their findings and eat salad made from the plants they've grown.

Katie Segreto '11 and Sarah Strapp '10 transplanting peas.

Providing space for student research in the Sweet Briar Community Garden has been a natural complement to its mission. The garden was founded in 2002 to provide garden space for campus residents and increase the community's access to and awareness of local organic agriculture. Anyone associated with Sweet Briar is welcome to join, and every member gardens in a plot of their own and also helps to maintain community crops like asparagus and blackberries. The Community Garden uses organic gardening practices and has served as an environment for informal experiments in gardening. Its members use a diversity of approaches in their own plots and have tried organic pest control techniques and methods for growing vegetables throughout the winter. The garden also has a small community-supported agriculture program in which members harvest biweekly baskets of vegetables for subscribers and has served as a model for other local community gardens.

Conducting formal experiments within the garden benefits both the students and the garden members. Biology students get access to the resources and gardening knowledge that the community garden members provide, and the gardeners in turn gain a better understanding of their garden. The results of this spring's student experiments will be of particular interest to the community gardeners, who are invited to the students' final presentations. For example, the garden gets composted paper mill waste for use as an organic fertilizer, and gardeners have debated its relative merits for years. This spring, the students are growing lettuce and radishes in soil amended with the paper mill compost, soil fertilized with worm castings, and soil amended with compost from the pile the garden maintains. The results from their experiment will give everyone a better understanding of how the paper mill compost stacks up against other sources of nutrients and may settle some long-running debates among gardeners.

Students in future classes will continue to conduct experiments in the garden and provide practical information for the community. In addition, these experiments might pave the way for student research projects and collaborations with other gardening organizations beyond Sweet Briar's campus.

DAVE GRIFFITH:
A Good War is Hard to Find

JANIKA CAREY '09, ENGLISH MAJOR

Despite the catchy title of Dave Griffith's most recent book, some reviews about *A Good War is Hard to Find: The Art of Violence in America* have made it sound like a dry, scholarly discourse. But that's not the case: "It was my conscious goal to write in a natural and engaging manner," said Dave, whose book has been selling consistently since its release in October 2006—a sign that it has found appeal beyond academia.

Both *The New York Times* and *The New Yorker* were crucial sources of information for Dave when he began his research in 2005. "You can use them as guides when it comes to news because they pay the most attention to the Middle East and other countries," he explained. His interest was sparked with the release of the scandalous torture photos from Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. Dave was deeply disturbed by these images, and he decided to get to the bottom of how they made him feel and why. One of his first steps was to read as many news reports about the incident as possible, including international sources, for a well-rounded perspective.

Apart from news stories and reports about state-sponsored torture, Dave read several books that came out shortly after the Abu Ghraib incident. Because of the Freedom of Information Act, he managed to gain insight from Donald Rumsfeld's memos from the Department of Defense.

Despite all the research that informed the book, Dave described it as "a conversation

with myself." Choosing to write in the genre of the personal essay, he decided that it was important to trace his reaction to the Abu Ghraib pictures back to several teenage encounters with violent images. Consequently, part of the research was to go back and read books he'd read in high school, like John Hersey's *Hiroshima*, and watch movies he'd seen years ago, such as *A Clockwork Orange* and *Pulp Fiction*.

"We are more often consumers of art than producers," Dave explained. When he was younger, violence in films and literature did not seem problematic to him, but merely entertaining. While Dave's personal reaction to such images has become more critical, he agreed that entertainment is a big factor in the way media covers war.

Besides drawing on personal experience, news stories, and official documents, Dave's book was also influenced by writer Flannery O'Connor and her view on violence in art and literature. Re-reading O'Connor's work helped him to create the intellectual framework for his book, and it also inspired the title.

A Good War is Hard to Find took nine months to write, and about 10 percent of the research material made it into the book. This was a conscious decision, according to Dave, who claims that he was aiming for a personal tone that caused readers to reflect on how their own experiences have shaped their attitudes toward violence. To him, including more research would have shifted the focus too much toward the abstract.

Besides teaching three creative writing classes at Sweet Briar this semester, Dave is engaged in a new project: "My next book is a series of personal essays concerning the divide between poverty and privilege," he said. "Much of the book draws on my experience growing up in, living in, and spending time in Midwestern cities that used to be thriving industrial centers and now are economically depressed," he added.

Just three blocks away

Summer 2008 Student Honors Research

Eleven students have been awarded fellowships for the 2008 Honors Summer Research Program and will be spending their summer here on campus. These students will have the opportunity to engage in focused research projects under the mentorship of a faculty advisor who will provide guidance in researching their particular discipline. The students' names and research projects are listed below.

Carolanne Bononno '09, studio art major, will research the photographic bromoil process, in which prints are made from 35mm film, bleached, and then inked. She hopes to experiment with the process and produce a portfolio of prints.
Faculty sponsor: Paige Critcher, assistant professor of studio art

Petra Dacheva '09, economics major, will investigate how implementing microfinance might defeat global poverty and empower women. She will also study the effect of microfinance on the Human Development Index and the new ways microfinance may expand in the future.
Faculty sponsor: Dr. Eugene Gotwalt, assistant professor of economics and business

Maxine Emerich '10, engineering major, will work with Dr. Pierce on building a robot to develop Nano-technology films for Dr. Hank Yochum's research.
Faculty sponsor: Dr. Scott Pierce, assistant professor of physics and engineering

from his apartment in South Bend, Indiana, four homeless men were murdered. "The proximity of the murders, along with many other strange occurrences, trials and tribulations, lead me to see this awful crime as somehow illustrative of a larger problem, one that I'm chasing after in this book," Dave explained.

"Good writing takes hard work, and it takes a willingness to take risks and an understanding that failure is part of the process."

This time, Dave's research methods are slightly different; he plans to travel to some of the places that have undergone such economic transformations. In these cities Dave will be able to talk directly to residents. "For me, research can be many different things," he noted. "I really like to take an immersion approach when I write."

Although English was not his favorite subject in high school, Dave said he always had a weak spot for humor writers and investigative journalism. But when his attempts to become a successful columnist for the college paper failed, Dave enrolled in a creative writing class and found his vocation. "I had a great teacher in that class who was a writer himself, which made all the difference to me. He spoke about literature in a way that made it seem alive and vital," Dave recalled.

Now a teacher himself, Dave wants his students to get involved in their academic experience. "I'm not a writer and a teacher because I think it's neat or fun—although it is those things—but because I think literacy and an appreciation for the arts is fundamental to leading a more examined, introspective, and productive life," he explained. "Good writing takes hard work, and it takes a willingness to take risks and an understanding that failure is part of the process."

At 32, the writer and professor has not only found the perfect professions, he's also lucky enough to practice them in a great environment: "This is a writer's paradise," said Dave. "Sweet Briar is perfect for me and my family. It's quiet and beautiful and is very close to the VCCA, which makes for a vibrant arts community."

Lucky for us, it comes as no surprise that Dave plans to stay at Sweet Briar: "In my opinion, this is the best gig out there," he said.

The Dialogue between Teaching and Research.

DEBBIE KASPER, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY

One of the staple questions in an academic interview is: "How has your research influenced your teaching?" Planning to teach at a liberal arts college, this question was meaningful to me in ways that it was not for my friends who dreamed of a research job that included little to no teaching duties. It was a topic I considered regularly as I taught my first classes, and it remains a recurring question as I am constantly reminded of the value that teaching and research bring to one another. Being active in research not only keeps one up to date on current work in particular fields of study, it also reminds one of the enduring relevance of the fundamental questions regularly explored in the classroom. Additionally, it opens up possibilities to share parts of the research process with students and to demonstrate how the seemingly abstract concepts they read about apply to real life.

My research in environmental sociology, for instance, has taken me in a number of interesting directions—both physically and intellectually. My curiosity about the processes by which social groups develop particular environmental sensibilities has thus far led me into two areas of study: ecovillages (ecologically-focused intentional communities) and environmental behavior. In one recent project I studied the ecovillage movement and conducted field research at a number of ecovillages in the eastern United States. Also, I am currently examining environmental behavior research methods and developing an alternative and novel approach. Finding ways to bring students into the research process in both of these projects has been exciting and rewarding. Two examples that come to mind include the courses Community (SOCI 220) and Environmental Sociology (SOCI 370).

In Community we explore: the meaning of "community," its change over time, debates about whether or not community is disappearing in the United States, the phenomenon of intentional community, and the prospect of sustainable

Testing water in the Pedlar River, Environmental Sociology students assess water quality and interview experts to learn about changes in the watershed over time.

..Bringing Students in on the Conversation

communities. Being able to share my own data, findings, pictures, and experiences with the class has enriched our studies and has brought the subject matter to life for the students. One of the most important lessons they learned was that ecological sustainability is not the only necessary condition for creating a community that is sustainable over the long term. As my research demonstrates, there are a number of social and cultural factors to consider.

With that in mind, the students undertook an analysis of the Sweet Briar College Community using a measure called the "Community Sustainability Assessment," which looks at three main aspects of sustainability: ecological, social, and spiritual/cultural. The class was divided into three groups, each of which focused on one of these areas. Their findings were derived from careful investigation and observation, interviews with relevant people in each area, and their inside knowledge of SBC. The final report compiled by the students addressed the College's strengths and weaknesses in each area and concluded that Sweet Briar has "made a good start toward sustainability," but that specific measures could be taken to improve its overall status. I plan to refine the measurement tool based on what we learned in this pilot study and repeat the study in the next class. One of our goals will be to produce information that the College would find useful in certain planning and decision-making processes.

Another project emerged as a result of my involvement in the DuPont funded PACE program (Promoting Academic and Community Engagement). My Environmental Sociology course partnered with the Pedlar River Institute (PRI), a local watershed preservation organization. The PRI's goal was to learn more about the Pedlar River watershed residents in order to more effectively provide information about watershed health and maintenance. Ultimately, they hope to influence decisions and behaviors that impact the Pedlar River watershed. Students worked together on the following tasks: formulating and administering surveys to watershed residents; entering and analyzing the response data; testing water and learning about the historical and present health status of the river; and ultimately providing the PRI with a report which includes our findings, conclusions from relevant environmental sociology research, and recommendations for future strategies.

As my research agenda continues to develop, I am looking forward to involving students in additional ways, both in the classroom and as formal research assistants. The Ecofloor (a new housing option for students who want to learn more about ecologically conscious living) will, no doubt, stimulate a variety of questions about student life at SBC as well as provide a core group of students interested in undertaking such research. I feel fortunate to be at a college that not only encourages but supports this synthesis in important ways. Here's to better understanding our world! … and to the many ways that students can help.

Touring an ecavillage: as part of her field research Assistant Professor of Sociology Debbie Kasper visited a number of U.S. ecavillages during summer 2006.

Environmental Sociology students enter respondent data from the Pedlar River Watershed survey.

Laura Hanold '10, chemistry major, will synthesize 3(2H)-furanones and study their photochemical properties. The idea is based on the recent discovery of inotilone, a chemical that has been found to be a selective inhibitor of the enzymes, cyclooxygenase (COX) and xanthine oxidase (XO), which are responsible for inflammatory responses in rheumatoid arthritis and gouty arthritis, respectively.
Faculty sponsor: Dr. Abraham Yousef, assistant professor of chemistry

Katelyn James '11, engineering major, will work on a new method for increasing the performance and efficiency of turbo-machineries. The method involves the use of an electrostatic boost that is mediated by an electric field internal to the compressor system.
Faculty sponsor: Dr. Dorsa Sanadgol, assistant professor of engineering

Brittany Patterson '09, anthropology major, will research several of the pieces of African art that are intended for display in a 2008 African art exhibit in the Anne Gary Pannell Gallery. Her research will focus on the interpretation and representation of the religious and mythological significance behind the pieces that were created by the Dogon people of Mali.
Faculty sponsor: Dr. Kimberly Dukes, visiting assistant professor of anthropology

Cynthia Raden '10, economics major, will use empirical data and economic theory to examine the economics of suicide. The project will need data from different countries or U.S. counties to determine variables that influence the suicide rate. Economic theory will be used to supplement the data and explain relationships.
Faculty sponsor: Dr. Eugene Gotwalt, assistant professor of economics and business

SBC Professor

CHRISTA DESRETS, WRITER, *THE NEWS AND ADVANCE*

Photos by Jill Nance, courtesy of The News and Advance

Associate Professor of Biology John Morrissey at his tank full of catshark eggs in the Connie Guion Science Center.

Tucked away in a corner of Sweet Briar College, 250 miles from the nearest ocean, now lives a colony of sharks. Not the toothy, scary, flesh-hungry stereotype of every vacationer's worst nightmare. Think smaller. Cuter, even.

"She's smiling, she likes you," said John Morrissey, as he fished a 6-inch juvenile from a tank and held her up. A marine biologist and associate professor at the College, Morrissey hopes to unlock the mysteries of these little sharks, which arrived at the College in January.

Scientists call them chain catsharks—so named for a pattern of chain-like designs on their bodies and cat-like slits for eyes. It was a relatively unknown species until recent years. That's when commercial fishermen began catching more of the species in their nets, possibly from probing deeper waters in search of a depleting supply of fish, Morrissey said.

Catsharks live in 50-degree Atlantic waters from Nova Scotia to Nicaragua. In the colder north, they live in waters about 150 feet deep. Near the equator, they're found at depths of 1,200 feet or so.

"Previously, they just lived too deep to be of any interest," Morrissey said. "Suddenly, they're being impacted by us. So should we do anything about that?"

Morrissey began collecting the sharks about four years ago from fishermen who would bring them back to shore along with the rest of their catch. Now, he has a live colony of catsharks, along with another couple hundred that died in the nets and are being kept frozen until they can be dissected.

For the next few months the live adults, which measure up to 2 feet long, will remain at Hofstra University on Long Island, New York, where Morrissey previously taught. But 25 juveniles and another 21 eggs in varying stages of development made the journey to Sweet Briar January 13.

The eggs occupy a tank while their older siblings curl around each other as they swim along the floor in two neighboring tanks.

"This is the one that's going to be born any day now," Morrissey said, shining a flashlight into the tank to illuminate an egg with a baby wiggling inside. "That will be the first one hatched here at Sweet Briar."

His research this semester will center on projects conducted by students Dawn Slekis and Sam Clark, both seniors in biology.

Clark plans to dissect the frozen specimens to research how large the sharks are when they reach maturity.

Morrissey said, "So she's going to be dissecting about a hundred of these. Then we can tell the fisherman, 'If you get one of these, and it's smaller than this, throw it back.' That's the best way to keep a population going."

Slekis will work with both Morrissey and environmental studies professor Dave Orvos to research whether catsharks have mercury or other heavy metals in their bodies.

"Heavy metals are poisonous, so you don't want them accumulating in any species," she said. "We're just looking to see

Raising **Shark Colony**

what's going on. I have no idea what I'm going to find, so it will be very interesting."

A significant amount of heavy metals present could indicate if the sharks are getting it from a food source or from the environment, she said.

Orvos said the scientific community has conducted much research on how fish get mercury, and how that can be controlled. He hopes data collected from the catsharks can contribute to the larger study.

Morrissey can then apply the research on catsharks to other, less-researched shark species.

"They're sharks, and everything they do is probably similar to other sharks," he said. "So they are a great flagship for shark biology."

Since most other shark species aren't as hardy as catsharks and are much larger, he said, they are more difficult to study.

"Just taking this catshark out of the water, handling it, they don't care," he said, demonstrating how he holds and measures the sharks. Other shark species would likely die from the shock of being removed from water, he said.

"These guys are great. They're really rugged."

That's good for Morrissey, who wants to conduct research at each stage of the species' life.

"Each semester, there will be someone new bringing something different," he said. "Come back in seven years—I'll have all kinds of answers."

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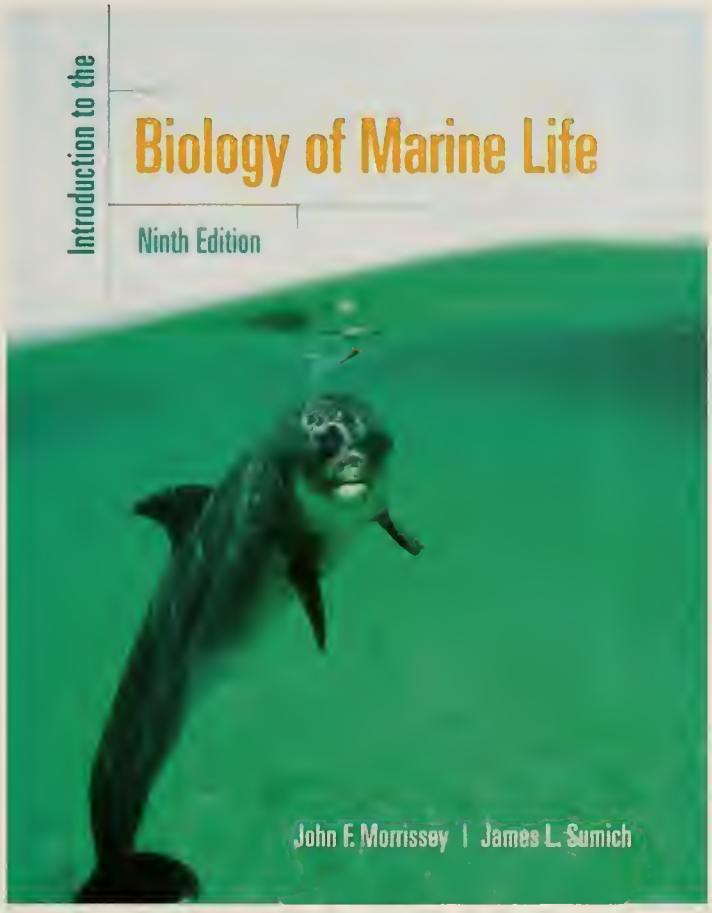

Professor John Morissey, along with co-author Jim Sumich, recently published the ninth edition of the textbook, *Introduction to the Biology of Marine Life*. This textbook introduces undergraduate students to life in the sea. First, the ocean as a habitat is introduced with special emphasis on how different the sea is from more familiar, terrestrial habitats. Second, all life in the sea is summarized including seals, dolphins, and whales. Finally, this information is synthesized during a survey of the primary marine habitats, such as coral reefs, intertidal shorelines, the open ocean, the deep sea, and polar waters. The text concludes with a summary of our history of harvesting marine resources and the current plight of our over-exploited oceans.

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Lara Slaugh '10, biology major, will study the histology of the deep-sea dwelling elasmobrach, *Scyliorhinus retifer*—or chain catshark—focusing on the digestive system. She will compare the shark's digestive system tissues to the results of the few studies published regarding the spiny dogfish.
Faculty sponsor: Dr. John Morrissey, associate professor of biology

Jessie Waitt '09, biology major, will compare and analyze placoid scales from different areas of a shark's body, to determine if predicted variation is present. She will examine scales from several *Scylirohinus retifer* of different ages (neonate through adult) and both sexes.
Faculty sponsor: Dr. John Morrissey, associate professor of biology

Laurel Watts '09, sociology major, will complete a sociological study of fundamentalist Christian conservatives and evangelicals as a subculture.
Faculty sponsor: Dr. Debbie Kasper, assistant professor of sociology

Elizabeth Zuckerman '09, theater and English and creative writing double major, intends to write and revise a novel about Ophelia, the heroine of *Hamlet*, told as an autobiography from childhood through the events of the play.
Faculty sponsor: Professor Carrie Brown, Banister Writer in Residence

SWEET BRIAR DAYS
TOP 1,000 PARTICIPANTS!

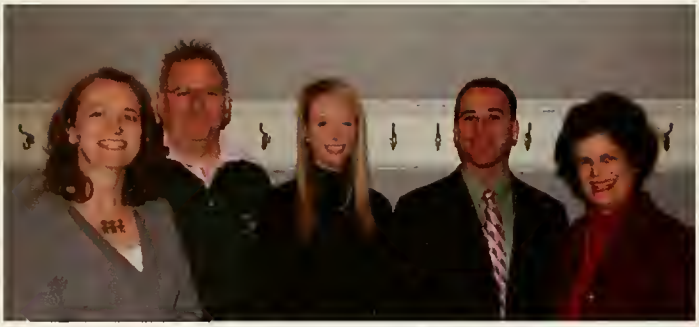
LOUISE *SWIECKI* ZINGARO '80,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNAE AFFAIRS

SWEET BRIAR DAYS, set forth by the Alumnae Association in 1922, were traditionally held on December 28th. They are a special day for all members of the Sweet Briar family to gather and celebrate the relationships they have with one another and with the College. In recent years, clubs have been encouraged to hold their gatherings during the holiday season when current students are at home and to invite prospective students and their families to join in the festivities. It is wonderful to see the magic when current and prospective students and their families have an opportunity to engage with area alumnae and with members of the College faculty and staff who travel to attend the events.

This year, the Regional Committee of the Alumnae Board selected "Athletics at Sweet Briar" as a focus for Sweet Briar Days. Members of the Sweet Briar College faculty and staff along with student athletes presented brief speeches and personal stories about Sweet Briar athletics at most events. Thirty-five events were held in all, up from 29 in 2006–07. Total attendance increased by over 300, topping 1,000 attendees! While we appreciate the many notes of thanks we received, the kudos go to you, our wonderful volunteers who make it all happen. Sweet Briar Days were a great success because of you. The proof is in the pictures! Enjoy.

We extend heartfelt thanks to the many individuals who planned, hosted, and assisted with the events.

Alumnae and guests gather at the Sheerwater Restaurant in San Diego, California, to celebrate Sweet Briar D



L–R: Karla *Kennedy* Newman '85, Greg Pribble, Virginia Edahl '10, SBC Head Tennis Coach Andy Mays, and Lucy *Otis* Anderson '63 at the Charlotte, North Carolina, brunch.

L–R: Stephanie *Belk* Loter '98, prospective student mothers Susy Guilford and Nicki Fischer, prospective students Erika Fischer and Lizzie Guilford at the Raleigh, North Carolina, Sweet Briar Day gathering.

Brianna *Meighan* deHanna '05 at the home of Mason *Bennett* Rummel '83 in Louisville, Kentucky, celebrating Sweet Briar Day with a cocktail party.

L–R: Associate director of the Alumnae Association Melissa Caffey '98 with students Kathryn Bird '09 and Jasmine Jones '10 at the Baltimore luncheon.

L–R: Marian Harrison '48, Ethel *Burwell* Dowling '82, Virginia *Robinson* Harris '59 at the Asheville afternoon tea.

Alumnae, friends, and representatives of the College gather in the home of Diane *Dale* Reiling '73 at the Seattle, Washington, Sweet Briar Day.

L–R: Victoria Rangel '04, Amanda Atkinson '00, and Noah Smith at the Beverley Hills, California, Sweet Briar Day gathering.

The annual holiday luncheon in honor of Sweet Briar Days in San Francisco, California.

Sweet Briar Days

December 2007–January 2008

A special thanks to alumnae and friends who helped organize and host events in the following club regions.

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Boston, MA
Lauren *MacMannis* Huyett '79

Region 2
New Jersey
Gertrude "Gigi" Collins '84,
Elizabeth Wyatt '69

Baltimore/Annapolis, MD
Ann *Perkins* Gonya '85

Philadelphia, PA
Cannie *Crysler* Shafer '78

Region 3
Amherst/Nelson/Lynchburg/
Roanoke/Lexington, VA
Michelle Badger '06

Charlottesville, VA
Joan *Broman* Wright '56

Hampton Roads, VA
Sarah *Kingsley* Foley '99

Hunt Country, VA
Julie *Hildebrand* Nelson '96

Richmond, VA
Olevia *Neary* Carothers '03,
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tripp III

Washington, D.C.
Arney Walker '02,
Ellen Clare *Gillespie* Dreyer '83

Region 4
Asheville, NC
Gregor Lee '00

Charlotte, NC
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Triangle, NC
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Atlanta, GA
Kelly *Meredith* Iacobelli '88,
Elvira *McMillan* Tate '65

Jacksonville, FL
Rushton *Haskell* Callaghan '86

Region 6
Indianapolis, IN
Jane *Tatman* Walker '60

Nashville, TN
Dayna *Avery* Hulme '86

Knoxville, TN
Meredith Tillery '99

Cleveland, OH
Kristy Judson '77

Louisville/Lexington, KY
Mason *Bennett* Rummel '83

Region 7
Minnesota State
Catherine Flaherty '80

Chicago
Allison *Roberts* Greene '81

Region 9
Dallas/Fort Worth, TX
Ann Stuart *McKie* Kling '74,
Cathy *Rasmussen* Packard '73

Houston, TX
Carol *Cody* Herder '72

Region 10
Washington
Diane *Dale* Reiling '73

Sacramento

San Francisco
Penn Fullerton '66

Arizona
Mary Beth *Miller* Orson '86

Oregon
Kate *Rinehart* Eskew '98

Los Angeles (2 Events!)

San Diego

L–R: Assistant director of admissions Sheena *Belcher* Hubbard '05, Erin Rogers '08 and her mother, Sara Rogers, attended the Sweet Briar Day gathering in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Michelle Church '03 and Kathleen Wilson '06 at the Louisville cocktail party.

L–R: Ann *Perkins* Gonya '85, Karen *Roof* Nickles '86, Katie Hearn '85 at the Baltimore Sweet Briar Day Luncheon.

**Sweet Briar Day in Chicago was held at The Union League Club.
L–R: Sarah *Elkins* Ince '99, associate director of admissions; Anne Farrell '87; and Mary Kelley '70.**

Sweet Briar Day in Cleveland, Ohio, was held in a true winter wonderland at The Club at Hillbrook.

Alumnae of the Indianapolis, Indiana area celebrated Sweet Briar Day at Woodstock Country Club.

Feedback

My wife, our daughter Stacey (Class of 2012!), and I wanted to thank you and the Sweet Briar Alumnae Association for inviting us to attend our first Philadelphia Sweet Briar Day on Saturday, January 12, at the Merion Cricket Club. We all had a wonderful time and it was an excellent opportunity for Stacey to meet a current freshman scholar and athlete, Isabella Formenta, along with an incoming early decision freshman, Charlotte, and a current junior. I was most impressed with Isabella's talk on behalf of the planned athletic building expansion—very poised and clearly a young woman who loves her Sweet Briar choice and experience so far. Dean Green and your staff along with Grace Farnsworth conducted a very professional and informative meeting. My wife and I continue to be impressed with Sweet Briar. We are thrilled at our daughter's selection of Sweet Briar College to continue her academic and equestrian education. I thought you would appreciate the feedback from a true "third-party" perspective. Thanks again.

—Thomas J. Kerr, Jr.

On January 6, 2008, local Sweet Briar prospective and current students and parents, alumnae and representatives from the College gathered for lunch at the Riverside Golf and Country Club in Portland, Oregon. Although I am currently a junior, this was the first time that I had attended a Sweet Briar Day. My mom and I were both impressed with the hospitality of our host, Kate *Rinehart* Eskew '98. The event started with unstructured time to mingle. I enjoyed talking with other students from my home state that were interested in coming to Sweet Briar. Several of them had already decided to join Sweet Briar's Class of 2012, while others were at the event to learn more about the College. As the event progressed, we were seated and served lunch while looking out at the rainy golf course and talking about our Sweet Briar experiences with neighbors. Representatives from the College gave a brief presentation about the new gym and dorm building projects and answered questions. I thought the day was a great chance to connect with the College community located in the Pacific Northwest.

—Kate Beach '09

Kate Beach '09 is a member of the Student Relations Committee (SRC) as a part of the publications team. The SRC promotes networking between alumnae and current students.

The Amherst, Nelson, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Lexington Sweet Briar Day was absolutely wonderful! It was held Sunday, January 13, at Sweet Briar House, and we had a great turn-out. Many prospectives came to show their interest, as well as current students, alumnae, and parents. Meagan Bell '09 gave a terrific speech about our new Fitness and Athletic Center to be built in the near future. She definitely pumped up the crowd and encouraged alumnae and parents to donate in order to help boost the start of our new project. I think this Sweet Briar Day was very successful in attracting prospectives, parents, alumnae, and current students to come together and get to know one another. I hope that everyone else who attended feels the same way I do!

—Allison Garrison '10

Allison Garrison '10 is a member of the Student Relations Committee publications team.

Breaking Ground for the Fitness and

JENNIFER MCMANAMAY, STAFF WRITER • PHOTOS BY AARON MAHLER

Where the grass next to Sweet Briar's 77-year-old Daisy Williams Gymnasium stretches away into fields and trees, a crowd gathered on the evening of Friday, April 25. Pink hard hats handed out for the occasion bobbed against verdant green. Perched atop the heads of giddy Vixens and their supporters, the hats had exactly the desired color-coordinated effect.

Sweet Briar athletes past and present, board members, faculty, staff and administrators were there to break ground on a long-awaited fitness and athletics facility. Many held green gardening trowels, which also were distributed so guests could participate in the ceremony when the time came to start digging.

Actual construction on the 53,000-square-foot structure began in May, with an estimated completion date in August 2009. It will adjoin the existing gymnasium which, it was pointed out in one of several short speeches, is one of the oldest and smallest in the NCAA.

In addition to providing athletes a modern facility that equals or surpasses those at peer institutions, the building will serve as a social and wellness center for the entire Sweet Briar community.

"We are standing on what will become one of the hearts of the campus," President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld told the gathering, referring to plans for the facility to also include a restaurant, a venue for campus events and other amenities.

Dr. Virginia *Upchurch* Collier '72, chair of the board of directors which gave the go ahead for the new construction last February, took a turn at the podium. To those who wear pink and green Vixen uniforms today, she noted that she had played freshman basketball in the Williams Gym.

"And I thought it was outdated in 1968," she said.

She said being able to move forward on the project—which has been talked about and planned for years—is an affirmation of the College's accomplishments over the past few years and shows commitment to everyone on campus. Collier, a medical doctor, noted the center will cultivate holistic wellness habits that last a lifetime.

Collier's sister, Katherine *Upchurch* Takvorian '72, who heads the committee raising money to pay for the $10 million building, also spoke briefly. The fundraising is not over, she cautioned.

"So don't be surprised if I call you again."

Associate Professor of Physical Education and Head Hockey Coach Jennifer Crispen and Board of Directors Member Jane *Eastin* Hager '67.

L-R: President of the Alumnae Association Jennifer Crossland '86, Athletics Director and Coach Kelly Morrison, Board Member Sally *Old* Kitchin '76, Secretary for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee/Facilities Committee Member for the FAC Jennifer Milby '08, President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld, Chair of the Board of Directors Ginger *Upchurch* Collier '72, Board of Trustees Emerita Kathy *Upchurch* Takvorian '72, Senior Class President and SGA President Kristin Barnes '08, VP for Finance and Administration Paul Davies, and Board of Trustees Emerita Bee *Newman* Thayer '61.

L-R: Board members, administrative staff, faculty, and students celebrated the new fitness and athletic center groundbreaking.

Athletics Center

L–R: Alumnae Association Board members, Kathryn *Taylor* Paine '99, Nancy *Mortensen* Piper '74, Linda Mae *Visocan* Gabriel '87, Jennifer E. Crossland '86, English *Griffith* Koontz '95, Louise *Swiecki* Zingaro '80, Diane Dalton '67, and Linda DeVogt '86.

Board of Trustees Emerita Mildred "Bee" *Newman* Thayer '61 and niece Meredith Newman '09.

"We are standing on what will become one of the hearts of the campus."

President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld

L–R: Chair of the Board Ginger *Upchurch* Collier '72, Board Member Sally *Old* Kitchin '76, Board of Trustees Emeriti Mildred "Bee" Newman Thayer '61 and Kathy *Upchurch* Takvorian '72 don their pink hardhats, ready to break ground for the new Fitness and Athletics Center.

Gray clouds didn't dim the excitement shared by the crowd at the groundbreaking of the FAC.

American Philological Association Recognizes Sweet Briar Classics Professor Eric Casey

SUZANNE RAMSEY, STAFF WRITER

For the second time in as many years, Eric Casey, associate professor of classics at Sweet Briar, has been recognized for "Excellence in Teaching."

The first time, the honor was bestowed by the Class of 2006. Voted on by the student body, the "Excellence in Teaching" and "Excellence in Service" awards are presented each spring at Commencement.

The most recent distinction was made by the American Philological Association (APA). On January 5, 2008, the APA presented Casey with its "Excellence in Teaching" award at its annual convention in Chicago.

The award is presented each year to one to three U.S. and/or Canadian college teachers. Winners receive a cash prize, an invitation to the group's annual meeting, and a plaque, appropriately inscribed in Latin.

According to its Web site, the APA, "founded in 1869 by 'professors, friends, and patrons of linguistic science,' is now the principal learned society in North America for the study of ancient Greek and Roman languages, literatures, and civilizations."

Eric Casey, associate professor of classics.

Casey, who has taught at Sweet Briar for more than eight years, was nominated by Jonathan Green, dean of the College. In his letter of recommendation, Green wrote in part, "Eric has revitalized classics at the College. Enrollments in all of the department's classes have steadily grown since he arrived on campus, especially his classes."

Although Green wrote the initial letter to the APA, Mindy Wolfrom '05, a former student of Casey's, started the ball rolling. Last spring, Wolfrom, now a graduate student in Greek and Latin at Boston College, contacted Sweet Briar's dean's office, suggesting Casey be nominated for the award.

"To me, it seemed pretty obvious that Eric would stand a really good chance of winning the award," she said. "He's such a well-known presence on campus and has really revived enthusiasm among students for classical studies."

On a personal note, Wolfrom said Casey was influential in her decision to study classics at the graduate level. "I think I started asking him about grad school my second year [of] taking ancient Greek with him," she said. "He's spent countless hours offering advice about grad school and helping me with Greek grammar."

Wolfrom said the "Greek hotline"—Casey's home phone number—still comes in handy. "I'm just happy he got the recognition he deserves," she said. "I've been at Boston College now almost three years, and I haven't met another Eric Casey yet!"

After receiving the award, Casey said, "I feel very honored to have received this award, and I know it would never have happened without the wonderful students at Sweet Briar, both those who specifically wrote recommendations for me and all the students over the years who have contributed to making all our classes here a success."

Shelby French, associate professor and Cronin Chair of the Riding Program, is named the USHJA 2007 Volunteer of the Year.

Sweet Briar Riding Director Wins Coveted Award

JENNIFER MCMANAMAY, STAFF WRITER

Sweet Briar director of riding Shelby French received a big surprise from the U.S. Hunter Jumper Association. She was named the USHJA's 2007 Volunteer of the Year at its Evening of Equestrians Dinner awards ceremony on December 13 at the Hilton Pointe Tapatio Cliffs Resort in Phoenix.

According to an announcement in the December 19 issue of the association's

E-Update newsletter. "Of all the awards USHJA offers, it is the Volunteer of the Year Award that we deem the most prestigious."

Earlier this year, French displayed her dogged dedication both to Sweet Briar and the USHJA when the association launched a new membership category for competitors who ride in its local affiliates' medal classes. Needing a suitable name for the category, the USHJA held a naming contest, offering a full-page spread in its *In Stride* magazine as first prize.

French wanted that prize for Sweet Briar's riding program, but she also wanted the right name for the membership level she helped to develop. She flooded the field with entries and won with the name "Outreach."

Her involvement with such grass-roots outreach efforts helped her earn the award. In addition to advancing the new membership level, she "made it her mission to develop the Affiliate Equitation Awards program and to see it implemented for 2008," according to the E-Update announcement.

French, who serves on the USHJA board of directors, worked on these projects as co-chair of the Affiliates Council. She also chairs the Community Horse Show Committee.

"Shelby is honestly the best committee chair I have worked with in all of my years in the industry," said Christine Kennedy, the USHJA's competition and special project coordinator. "Of course, her passion for the sport speaks for itself, but it goes beyond that. She truly cares about and believes in the committees and projects she is working on."

Sweet Briar Riding Instructor Jon Canyers.

Sweet Briar Riding Coach Recognized for Achievements in Collegiate Riding

JENNIFER MCMANAMAY, STAFF WRITER

During the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Zone 4, Region 2 finals at Sweet Briar College on Friday, February 29, riders and judges paused while SBC's IHSA head coach Jon Conyers was presented with the association's most distinguished honor.

Before a sizable crowd, including Conyers' friends, family, and colleagues, he accepted the IHSA's Lifetime Achievement Award from last year's recipient, Hollins University riding director Nancy Peterson. Flanking Conyers during the ceremony in the Robin S. Cramer arena was Bob Cacchione, executive director and founder of the IHSA.

The award is one of the most prestigious in collegiate riding. Past winners select each year's recipient. "Jon was chosen this year based on his lifetime of service and success in the IHSA," said Jim Arrigon, a previous winner and IHSA officer.

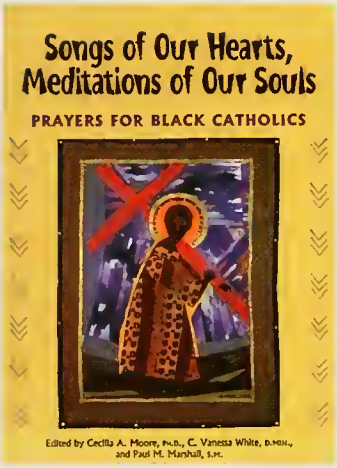
Conyers, a coach and riding instructor at Sweet Briar since 2003, has been an active director and committee chairman for the IHSA board of directors for more than a decade. He has been an advocate of several affiliated programs, including the IHSA Alumni Association. Recently he has served as chair of the association's marketing committee, which promotes collegiate riding and the IHSA to the horse industry.

"For such a young man, Jon's influence has been amazingly far reaching because of the number of programs, coaches, and riders with whom he has had the opportunity to share his passion for horses, quality riding, and the IHSA," said Shelby French, Cronin Chair of the Riding Program at Sweet Briar.

spotlights

A Personal and Professional Journey into Black Catholic History

Cecilia Moore '88 and her mother, Hazel Moore, in summer 2007.



Dr. Cecilia Moore '88, professor of religion at the University of Dayton, has been researching the history of black Catholics in the United States for nearly two decades. "Black Catholics have been a part of the American story since the Spanish came over and started their explorations of the new world," says Cecilia. "It's only in the past 20 years that good attention has been paid [to them]."

It was while working toward her doctorate at the University of Virginia that Cecilia picked up *The History of Black Catholics in the U.S.* by Father Cyprian Davis, and she hasn't stopped ferreting out new parts to the story since. "It's been a great 18 years," she says.

"Most African Americans are not Catholic," says Cecilia. "If you study Catholic history of the United States, the books don't recognize the black Catholic story. It's only now that, not just people like me, but people who are interested in other aspects of Catholic history, are getting into it [and] adding a new dimension of understanding to Catholic presence in the United States."

In much of her research, Cecilia addresses the painful experiences that black Catholics have faced. "Black Catholic slaves were brought over to help with the exploration of the new world," says Cecilia. "For a significant part of their history, they were not given the respect they deserved, even in the Catholic Church." She remarked that many would tell of racism within the Church and that she, as a historian, deals with this issue.

"In many ways," she went on to say, "a white and a black Catholic are not different at all. All see themselves as Catholic. When I think about what it means to be a black Catholic, it means to be a full Catholic, to know what the Church teaches, to know who you are as an African American with your history and your culture, and to say to your church that you believe that who you are as an African American is essential to your being Catholic."

In a chapter that Cecilia wrote for *U.S. Catholic Historian*, (Vol. 24, No. 1), she concentrates specifically on the history of black Catholics in the town in which she was born and raised, not too far from Sweet Briar, in Danville, Virginia. Cecilia interviewed Sister Leona of the Society of Christ Our King from Danville, someone who Cecilia remembers from her childhood and admires for the impact she had on her life. Sister Leona and her Mother Superior took part in civil rights demonstrations, and their participation generated support from the bishop in their cause and raised awareness for civil rights in an area where African Americans were historically discriminated. "The Catholic sisters of Danville were instrumental. They stood up and people were astonished. They supported Martin Luther King, Jr. because they believed it was right. Sister Leona thinks that all kinds of Catholics felt proud [of the Danville sisters]," said Cecilia.

Cecilia's interest in the black Catholic community stems from deep personal ties. The daughter of two Roman Catholic converts and one of six children, she has many memories and strong bonds that link her to the Church and to the American history of black Catholics. "One of my greatest memories growing up was going with my mother

Butterfly

The caterpillar slows down, stops
moving about, knowing it must make a
change: Metamorphoses.
out of the cocoon comes the
butterfly: God's liberation of beauty.
sit still so that God can make the
change in you, then fly and share
God's beauty.

from, *Songs of Our Hearts, Meditations of Our Souls*
courtesy of St. Anthony Messenger Press

to Mass after dinner every week. My mother was a daily communicant. [Each day] from about grade two through grade five, I went with my mom to Mass. I remember loving being in the church, loving being with my mother. [Daily Mass] was a true spiritual anchor for her. My father had died when I was five … most of the memories I have of my Dad … are of [him] getting ready to usher at Mass on Sunday mornings." Even Cecilia's college decision involved her faith. When she went to a college fair and stopped at the Sweet Briar table, Cecilia remembers her mother's first question of admissions director Nancy Church, "Will Cecilia be able to go to Mass?"

Perhaps it was Cecilia's own history coupled with the story of a long heritage of trials and renewals that inspired her to co-author *Songs of Our Hearts, Meditations of Our Souls*, a prayer book for black Catholics and for anyone seeking spiritual strength. Each section of the book uses an African American spiritual as a theme under which related prayers fall. *I Know there's a God Somewhere* is the spiritual for the first section, which is full of prayers for choirs, ministry workers, addicts, vocations, and other "need" prayers.

Cecilia never thought she'd write a prayer book. "I'm trained in church history," she commented, "but I didn't want to pass up an opportunity to make a contribution to the black Catholic community."

Cecilia has been working on a book about the conversion of African Americans to Catholicism in the 20th Century, a growing segment in the U.S. Church. In the meantime, she continues to teach and write articles for scholarly journals.
—C. Murray, editor

Courtney *Arnott* Silverthorn '03

Courtney *Arnott* Silverthorn, Class of 2003, received the 2007 Joanna M. Nicolay Melanoma Foundation Research Award, established by Bob Nicolay in 2003 in memory of his wife. Courtney's award-winning research focuses on the impact of a low-oxygen environment in the development and progressions of melanoma, and how that environment contributes to radiation therapy and chemotherapy failures. She is currently looking at DNA damage repair pathways as a potential preventative or therapeutic target. Courtney is in the doctoral program in pharmacology and molecular sciences at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, in the lab of Dr. Rhoda Alani.

Evangeline *Easterly* Taylor '00

Evangeline *Easterly* Taylor, Class of 2000, received the Double Helix Award for first place on her oncology research poster at Technician Poster Day, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. She also received a second Double Helix Award for first place Peoples' Choice Poster.

Evangeline is currently a senior research technician in Dr. Sara Sukumar's lab at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Her research focuses on breast cancer, and this year, Evangeline is co-authoring two research papers. She currently writes the "At the Bench" section for the cancer, oncology research technician newsletter, *The Promoter*.

Anne *Sheffield* Hale '54

The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation presented 16 preservation awards at its annual meeting in Columbus. Anne *Sheffield* Hale '54 received the Chairman's Award, which is particularly special since it is not given each year. According to The Georgia Trust press release, "this award is reserved to be presented to individuals who the board feels are truly deserving of being recognized with top honors from The Georgia Trust for a lifetime of work and dedication to the field of historic preservation."

Anne and her husband, Bradley Hale, were leadership donors to *Our Campaign For Her World*. She is a member of the Silver Rose Society and the Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates. Anne has served as the Atlanta alumnae club president and was on her reunion gifts committee in 2004 for her 50th reunion.

Nicki helps feed a puffin at the Alaska SeaLife Center.

Alaskan Adventures

Nicki Brandt '06, an aviculturist for the Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC) in Seward, Alaska, has started her career at one of the top marine research facilities in the nation. Nicki says that it is rare to find a center that offers wildlife rehabilitation, education, conservation, and research under one roof. As an aviculturist, her main duties lie with the birds—feeding, cleaning, helping with the Center's breeding program, and most of all, with public education. Nicki takes Alaskan bird species to classrooms to educate young children about the birds and their environment. "My favorite moments," said Nicki, "are when I get to introduce the birds to little children and see their eyes light up."

The Seward Association for Advancement of Marine Science opened the doors to the ASLC in 1998, founded as a non-profit marine research and rehabilitation facility. The vision of a cold-water research facility began in 1988, but the Exxon Valdez oil spill one year later spotlighted the dire need for increased North Pacific research and a permanent rehabilitation facility. Due to the limited research on the North Pacific environment and its species available at the time, the full impact of the oil spill was difficult to quantify. While Exxon's fine still stands as the largest fine ever issued for an environmental crime, if the same spill happened today, they would be liable for much more due to our increased knowledge of the species and ecosystem of the North Pacific, Nicki explained. Today, the outcome might not be as disastrous to the marine wildlife due in part to the ASLC and the establishment of a strong rehabilitation network. Even now, many species are struggling to recover from the oil spill and additional contaminants combined with fisheries competition. New pressures, like global climate change, make recovery difficult for historically plentiful species. Though Nicki largely deals with birds, the Center looks at any species living in the North Pacific to the Arctic Ocean. "Some of our researchers head all the way over to Russia," Nicki said, "and down to Antarctica since some of the ecosystems and problems are comparable."

Aside from leading educational outreach programs, Nicki also gets the chance to help with wildlife research. "I help out with observations, taking fecal samples, and maintaining special diets for diet studies," she said. "Since we have captive animals, we are able to change their diets and see how the changes affect factors like fat storage. Eventually this can lead to valuable comparisons between the captive birds and the wild ones. I've learned a lot about not just gathering data, but also about how the methods of gathering it might affect the animals. For instance, taking blood samples can be very stressful on some animals, but animal training can help minimize that stress. Finding the best way to collect data is very important."

A native of Yorktown, Virginia, Nicki didn't end up in Alaska by coincidence alone. "I interned at ASLC between my junior and senior year at Sweet Briar," said Nicki. "I tried to shove a foot in anywhere they'd let me. I volunteered in the bird department and the rehab department; I helped out with events. At Sweet Briar, I was enrolled in the B.S. program for Environmental Science, which is really interdisciplinary." Nicki went on to say that "the science world is no longer a place where you can study a single aspect. An understanding of how various sciences, and even economics and law, work together is essential. Research experiences my freshman and sophomore years were invaluable." As was her senior research project in Mexico.

Nicki clarified what life in Alaska is really like: "I don't live in an igloo. It's not dark all the time. And believe it or not, it actually gets warm. Seward is a small town, but has wine tastings, intramural sports, auctions and events, and volunteer opportunities." And on the flip side, "It's exciting when you're walking to the post office and you have to change your route because a huge moose is blocking your way. Bears can get a little more dangerous."

To anyone interested in studying marine life, Nicki says to "get as much experience as you can, any way that you can! If there's not an ocean nearby, volunteer at a zoo or at an aquarium. You'll have to pay some dues before you get to do the cool stuff. You might have to take an unpaid internship and do a lot of scrubbing fishy, scaly buckets!" she commented. "My job is not a regular nine to five. You may have to go in at midnight to take care of a chick or an injured seal. If you're doing field research, you definitely don't have a stop time of five p.m. Experience is the most valuable in discerning whether you're passionate enough to accomplish this kind of work."

One of the rewards about living in Alaska and working for the ASLC for Nicki is the knowledge that "there's still a lot of wild out there."—*C. Murray, editor*

Capers is a baby sea otter in the rehabilitation center.

This is a juvenile rhino auklet, one of the bird species undergoing research at the center.

A semi-palmated plover pauses in its Alaskan habitat.

making news

Pamela Weekes '83 Bakes Manhattan's Best Cookies

"It came about by accident, really," said Pamela Weekes '83 co-owner of Levain Bakery, home to delicious scones, breads, pizzas, brioches, and Manhattan's favorite cookies. "After Sweet Briar, I thought I would go for my MBA. I took the GRE, but never went," said Pam. "I thought my parents were going to murder me when I started the bakery!"

After working in NYC's fashion industry, Pam's vision of someday starting her own business fell into place. Good friend Connie McDonald, a graduate of the Institute of Culinary Education, worked as a chef for a NYC restaurant that closed its doors. The restaurant kitchen opened up a coveted, essential space for the two to begin a bakery of their own. They began by baking quality, wholesale bread for restaurants and exchanging goods for the space. At the same time, Pam still held her day job with designer Norma Kamali. When the time came to expand, Pam and Connie found a neighborhood spot for all of their new recipes. Their location in the Upper West Side is quite cozy and features an open kitchen; customers can watch the delightful goods being made start to finish.

"We wanted to do something that gave back to the community and society," Pam said. "We needed a location on a great block; we're a neighborhood place. This is the first place a lot of kids are allowed to come to on their own. And what we don't sell at the end of the day, we donate to charity."

The work is much harder than most imagine. "It's a lot of physical work," said Pam. "You don't have any product until you make it. One of the biggest challenges is to find and keep good people for a long period of time. Everyone always thinks they want to work in a bakery, but they don't realize that … it's a labor of love."

Though Levain Bakery sells a variety of delicious baked goods, its chunky cookies have received the most press. They sell four kinds: dark chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, chocolate chip walnut, and dark chocolate peanut butter chip. Recently, Pam and Connie were guests on the popular Food Network show, *Throwdown* with iron chef Bobby Flay. "That was the fifth or sixth time we've done something for Food Network, but that was the first time it was all about us!" said Pam. This time, Pam and Connie thought that they were going to be part of a show called "Creative Classics." While giving what they thought was a charity baking show at a bicycling shop, Bobby Flay and his team walked in and the spontaneous competition began. "What you saw was not edited!" said Pam. In the end, Bobby Flay's thin, buttery chocolate chip cookies didn't hold a candle to Levain's six-ounce, chocolate-chip mountain-size cookies.

Most of Pam's training as a baker came from her family. "I've always loved to bake," she said. "My mom was a great cook; she was ahead of her time! We ate very well, and I always really loved it, I had a natural affinity for baking and a very large sweet tooth."

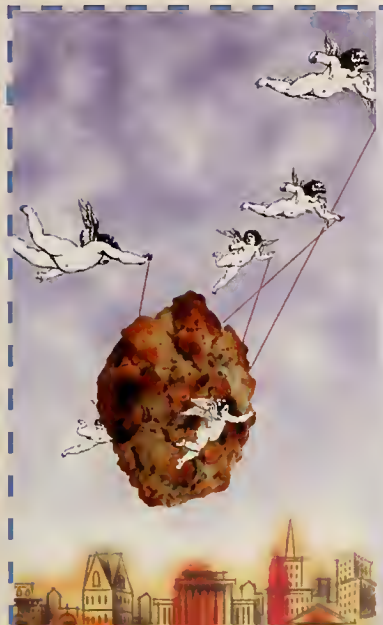
Pam's experience at Sweet Briar made her believe that women can do anything they want to do. "It's wonderful that it's still all women; [this] gives you a chance to focus on your learning experience." Sweet Briar gave her the self-confidence she needed to start her own business.

"Don't be afraid to try anything," advised Pam. "Follow your dreams. Even if you're doing something you love, there are days when it's still just work. Nothing is ever perfect. Find a way to make it fun and learn from your experience."

—*C. Murray, editor*

Find out more about Levain Bakery at www.levainbakery.com.

The four famous indulgent cookies, top to bottom: Oatmeal Raisin, Dark Chocolate Chip, Chocolate Chip Walnut, Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter Chip.



Levain Bakery Oatmeal Raisin Scones

courtesy of Levain Bakery

Ingredients:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for the counter
- 2 ½ cups rolled oats
- ¾ cup white sugar
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 12 ounces sweet butter —cold and diced small
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 1 ½ cups half-and-half

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

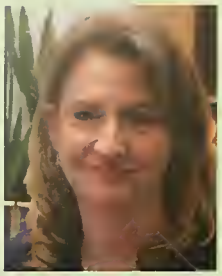
Combine everything except the half-and-half until just combined. Do not over mix. Mixture will not be creamed, just mixed together.

Quickly pour in 1 ¼ cups of the half-and-half while mixing quickly. If the dough appears at all dry add the remaining ¼ cup of half-and-half until just combined. Again, do not over mix.

Turn the dough out onto a very well floured surface. If the dough is very sticky, flour the top of the dough also. Pat the mixture into a layer ¾ to 1 inch thick. Using a 2-inch diameter round cutter, cut out the scones, dipping the cutter into flour each time between cuts. Place each scone, as cut, onto a parchment paper covered sheet pan leaving 2 to 3 inches between each scone. This should make 12 round scones. (You can also form dough into rectangular shape and cut with a knife into 12 square or triangle scones.)

Bake for about 18 minutes or until golden brown on both the top and bottom of scones.

transitions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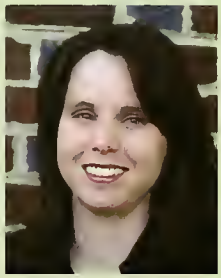
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Dawn Gatewood

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HIEDI *HANSEN* MCCRORY, VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Anita Poleski moved from the Development Office to the Office of the Dean, where she is now an administrative assistant.

Anita came to the department in November of 2000 as a direct mail specialist and has occupied several chairs in her time there including that of the major and planned gifts secretary, development secretary, and most recently executive secretary to the vice president. She has been an extraordinary and accomplished colleague in every one of those positions. Her positive attitude, boundless energy, and commitment to getting the work done are unmatched. We wish her the best as she pursues new adventures in the Dean's Office.

Debra Stinnett

SUZANNE RAMSEY, STAFF WRITER

Debra Stinnett is the new part-time secretary to vice president for communications and strategic initiatives Linda Shank.

She lives in Amherst with her husband, Chris, and their six daughters, ages 13 months to 14 years. Prior to coming to Sweet Briar, she was a stay-at-home mom.

Stinnett grew up in Lynchburg, but went to high school in Keller, Texas, near Fort Worth. She is a certified emergency medical technician, volunteers with Relay For Life and enjoys shopping.

Dinah H. Watson

CONNOR FORREN, DIRECTOR OF DONOR RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dinah H. Watson to the position of Stewardship Coordinator. Dinah graduated Summa Cum Laude from Lynchburg College in 2007 with a B.A. in European History and a minor in Business Administration.

She received the Mary C. Scudder Award for best senior thesis in the Humanities and Social Sciences Departments at Lynchburg College, and she was recognized for her excellent presentation skills at the 2007 Phi Alpha Theta Virginia Conference. Her extensive business and event planning experience, outstanding communication skills, and professionalism make her a wonderful addition to the Donor Relations and Development Operations team and to the Office of Development. Dinah's first day will be Thursday, May 1, 2008. Please join me in congratulating Dinah on her new position and welcoming her to Sweet Briar.

Stephen Edwards

SUZANNE RAMSEY, STAFF WRITER

Stephen Edwards was recently hired as director of auxiliary services. He reports to Paul Davies, vice president of finance and administration, and oversees the managers of the Book Shop, Florence Elston Inn & Conference Center, dining services and catering.

He brings more than 20 years of experience in public and private higher education settings involving high-level catering events, special programs, conference planning, contract administration and strategic planning.

He is a member of the National Association of College and University Food Services, where he has held offices on the regional and national level. In July 2007, he was named NACUFS 2011 National Conference chair.

Edwards has a bachelor's degree in business economics from Wofford College. He and his family relocated to the area from Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dawn Gatewood

SUZANNE RAMSEY, STAFF WRITER

Dawn Gatewood is the new executive secretary to development vice president Heidi McCrory. She is a former employee of Sweet Briar, having worked as an annual fund secretary from 2002–2004.

Before coming back to the College, Dawn operated her own business, The Personal Assistant. She provided services—shopping, bill paying, office help, etc.—to small businesses and individuals, mostly in the Charlottesville area.

Dawn lives in western Amherst County with her husband, John, and two dogs. She also has three grandchildren. When she's not working, she enjoys volunteer work, gardening, reading and renovating her house.

Rebecca Massie Lane

Director of museums and art galleries and director of the arts management program

The College wishes all the best to director of museums and art galleries and director of the arts management program Rebecca Massie Lane who will be leaving at the end of this academic year. Rebecca will become the new director of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Rebecca has given 18 years of service to Sweet Briar as a professor and manager of the galleries. She leaves a remarkable legacy of engaged alumnae, an invigorated Friends of Art organization, numerous inventive exhibitions, informative and beautiful exhibition catalogues, and a host of innovative programs for local school children as well as our neighboring adult population.

The College is very grateful for her dedication and enthusiasm for the arts that she has brought to this campus.

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weddings

Lisa DuCharme '97 and Tristan Elwell • September 15, 2007 • Grosse Pointe, MI • L–R: Ethel Ogden Burwell '58, Kara Vlasaty Smith '97, Katie Gumerson Altshuler '97, Lisa DuCharme Elwell '97, Lindsy Rollenhagen Zook '97, and Margaret Jenkins '97. Katy Seder '97 (not pictured) also attended the ceremony. Lisa writes: "Tristan and I live in London, and I work for Fidelity International. We'd love to hear from anyone else living in England or visiting!"

Colleen Karaffa '06 and Brandon Murray
May 26, 2007 • St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church • Staunton, Virginia.

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Meg Caulk '90 and Karl Stephens September 15, 2007 • St. Michaels, Maryland.

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Stephanie A. Scherer '06 and William R. McCallister III
September 2, 2007 • Stoneridge Inn • Lexington, Virginia.

Christine Vazquez '07 and Sean Kearney
June 16, 2007 • United States Naval Academy Chapel • Annapolis, Maryland.

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Casey Knapp '05 and John-Michael Fleming • May 19, 2007 • House Mountain Inn • Lexington, Virginia • Bridesmaids, L–R: Liz *Eager* Marvel '05, Mary Godwin, Kristin Palbicke '06, Erin Gibbs '05, Mandy Fleming, Katie Lucas, and Lauren Sherman.

Christine Pamela Bump '00 and Elias Papasavvas • March 8, 2008 • St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Washington D.C. • L–R: Dr. Jonathan Green, dean of the College; Lucy *Brooks* Thomas '00, Kim *Harden* Fella '00, Virginia *Smith* Gilbert '00, Christine *Bump* Papasavvas '00, Lindsay Perkins '00, Devon *Vasconcellos* Bijansky '99, Evangeline *Easterly* Taylor '00.

Tabitha Dixon '06 and Andrew Ward • March 10, 2007 • Sweet Briar Memorial Chapel, Sweet Briar, Virginia.

Photo by Sara Ernst

Hilary Cooper '05 and Matthew Cook • August 25, 2007 • Deryshire Baptist Church Chapel • Richmond, Virginia • SBC alumnae attending: Ashley Forehand '05, Kimberly Gibson '05, Lori Giguere.

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Erica Thomson '92 and her father, David Thomson, just before her wedding ceremony. Erica married Nathaniel Lynch on St. Patrick's Day of 2007.

Photo by Leo Lom

Holly Trent '97 and Jason James
June 2, 2007 • The Boat House • Sweet Briar, Virginia.

Photo © Pamela Goodwin Harvey

Imogen Slade '96 married **Chip Rex** (VMI '95) on December 1, 2007. • Photo © Sonshine Pictures

Michelle Clark '06 and Thomas Bowe • November 17, 2007 • Sand Key Park • Clearwater, Florida.

Virginia Uchello and Daniel Lyon • April 26, 2008 • Alexandria, Virginia.

Walking to Books in the Cold

CARINA FINN '10

At the corner of evening I walk
To the edge of the concrete and stand just
Where the sky touches the grass.
They stand in a row, trees like phoenix,
Bursting into flames just before the moment of death.

They have a quiet sort of indifference,
Shooting saffron and cinnamon into the blue November sky.
I mention this and you tell me I am a visual person,
As if this was an affliction, something I should be taking
Sticky sweet syrup to cure.

I devour beauty as if it had a flavor,
Sampling each image, leaving nothing on the table.
I am on a constant binge.
My hunger is insatiable. On the days when I am pretty
I sit for hours, indulging my vanity.

I examine myself from every angle.
My skin is stretched taut over bones
And my cheeks are red. I am a phoenix.
I am a tree just before the moment of death
And these apples on my face will fall any day now.

When the beauty is gone I think my appetite will cease.

The Violinist

SARAH ANSANI '08

The violinist,
he squints
his eyes,
extends
his arm,
and places
his chin
on the rest,
aiming
the hair
of the bow
at the string
of his instrument
as...

men sit in bars and drink lager with shots of silence the oil from their fingers spells names on the countertops and birds stop the flap of their wings mid flight and landlandland on the electric wires lining quieted streets lit by a humming glow from lamps that flicker and fade like clouds after sunset and mothers are upset and screaming names of children with eyes that dilate after lighting a second blunt that is passed around oh reciprocity oh cat sitting in the window and yawning at the moon after a day outside among impatiens and violets that die without diagnosis among sidewalks where men play chess and spit exaggerations until dinner is ready is it spaghetti or dogs on the grill yes chopped up onions and mustard dripping onto the chin and all the wives ask how the day has been as if time was something that happened behind their back like children and blunts parched impatiens and violets mustard stains on collars fights between men dim streets of violence wayward bullets vomiting cats that smell like dead birds that perch on power lines and singsingsing louder than men in bars drinking lager with shots of silence because they are just waiting for...

the violinist,
he plays.

***Megan* by Melissa Hardison '08**

Night Hunting

by John Casteen, Sweet Briar instructor of English

Because we wanted things the way they were
in our minds' black eyes we waited. The beaver
raising ripples in a vee behind his head
the thing we wanted. A weed is what might grow
where you don't want it; a dahlia could be a weed,
or love, or other notions. The heart can't choose
to find itself enchanted; the hand can't choose
to change the shape of water. How strange, to hope
to see the signs of motion, to make an end
to Peter's old refrain: *He'll be along, son of a bitch,*
and then you best be ready. So sure, and so sure
that when he shines the light the thing will show
along the other shore. What next? Well,
you've killed animals before. Invited here
for company in the cold night, and because
ever handy with rifles. What next is wait
and see, what next may be the lone report, the ever-
widening circles, blood-blossom, the spirit rising slow
like oily smoke above still waters. We wanted
a pond to look like a pond: standing poplars,
shallows unsullied, fish and frogs and salamanders.
The gleaming back of fur and fat may not belong.
or may: God of varmints, God of will, forgive us
our trespasses. We know precisely what we do.

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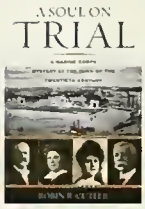
Alumnae Books



A Soul on Trial, Robin R. Cutler '66, Rowan & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. 2007.

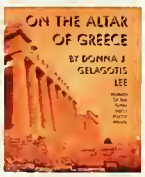
Marine Lieutenant James N. Sutton died on the grounds of the Naval Academy on October 13, 1907, and the Marine Corps would never be the same. *A Soul on Trial* is the true story of an Oregon mother's crusade to save her son's soul from the stigma of suicide. Her spiritual battle soon became a political one. Part murder mystery, part ghost story, and part courtroom drama, the book follows the stories of Rosa Sutton, her daughter Rose, and three Marine Corps lieutenants whose futures were at stake as a second naval investigation unfolded in 1909. Splashed across the front pages of newspapers nationwide, the Sutton case intrigued members of Congress, high-ranking military officials, renowned attorneys, the Cardinal of the American Catholic Church, and America's foremost psychical researcher. Touching on lives great and small, *A Soul on Trial* is a rich portrait of Progressive Era America and of the lives of young officers whose private battles were often as difficult as their professional ones.

courtesy of Rowan & Littlefield Publishers

Good Girls and Wicked Witches, Dr. Amy M. Davis '94, Indiana University Press 2007. In *Good Girls and Wicked Witches*, Amy M. Davis re-examines the notion that Disney heroines are rewarded for passivity. Davis proceeds from the assumption that, in their representations of femininity, Disney films both reflected and helped shape the attitudes of the wider society, both at the time of their first release and subsequently. Analyzing the construction of (mainly human) female characters in the animated films of the Walt Disney Studio between 1937 and 2001, she attempts to establish the extent to which these characterizations were shaped by wider popular stereotypes. Davis argues that it is within the most constructed of all moving images of the female form—the heroine of the animated film—that the most telling aspects of Woman as the subject of Hollywood iconography and cultural ideas of American womanhood are to be found.

courtesy of Indiana University Press, www.iupress.indiana.edu

Grape Man of Texas: Thomas Volney Munson and the Origins of American Viticulture. Sherrie S. McLeroy '74 and Dr. Roy E. Renfro, Wine Appreciation Guild, San Francisco 2008. The first edition was named "Best Wine History Book in the World for 2004" by Gourmand World Cookbook Awards in Madrid, Spain, and is currently in competition in that same category for "Best of the Best" category winners from the past 12 years.



On the Altar of Greece, Donna J. Gelagotis Lee '78, Gival Press, LLC 2006. Donna Lee's book is the winner of the Seventh Annual Gival Press Poetry Award. The collection received a 2007 Eric Hoffer Book Award: Notable for Art Category and was nominated for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Poetry and other awards. Donna lived in Athens, Greece, for many years.

The book received advance praise from President Emeritus of the Poetry Society of America and author of Cornucopia: New and Selected Poems Molly Peacock:

"The poetry of Donna J. Gelagotis Lee combines the sharp resourcefulness of the observer with the powers of the visionary. Her poems travel both in time and in memory to Greek villages and to Athens, bringing with them the spiky sensibility of a contemporary American woman. Never surrendering her complicated view of this complex world, she writes with vigor and a rapt, focused insight into the culture that spreads itself before her. Memory is a full-blooded character in her poetry, conjuring up each situation with a body-quickening pulse. . . ."

courtesy of Gival Press, LLC, www.givalpress.com

Passport to Abundance, Allison *Muller* Chambers '81, Dahlquist Printing & Graphics 2006. *Passport to Abundance* is intended to inspire, challenge, motivate and affirm the reader in a lifelong journey of generosity. The book is a collection of quotes that reflect the simple, yet miraculous truths of giving and receiving. The abundance (health, love, happiness, wealth) that we receive is far more than that which we gave and shared! When we apply these principles of giving and sharing freely, unconditionally and with a cheerful heart, the giving returns to us in blessings and prosperity—multiplied!

Lynchburg 100: An Illustrated Guide to Lynchburg Landmarks S. Allen Chambers, Jr. & Nancy B. Marion '74, instructor of studio art.

Lynchburg 100 is a beautifully rendered little guidebook. With text by S. Allen Chambers and photographs by Nancy *Blackwell* Marion you can follow Lynchburg history from the Langley Fountain to the Quaker Meeting House. In between you have directions to drive or walk through the pages of this City's history. The landmarks chosen are all described with dates and names, and the reason for their significance. The photographs are so vivid and clear, many look to have been shot on the most beautiful sunny Virginia day. The sepia toned chapter dividers offer additional history along with some interesting old photos that help to link

one section of town to another. The front and back covers open to reveal comprehensive maps giving the location of all 100 landmarks. Excellent maps are becoming a trademark of Blackwell Press.

There are guidebooks that do just that, guide you around a place. But the text in the *Lynchburg 100* elevates the reader to another level. It is really a mini history of Lynchburg and its architecture.

Lynchburg 100 is the perfect book for both residents and visitors.

courtesy of Blackwell Press, www.lynchburgHistory.com

Cool Road Trips in Central Florida, Kim Cool '62, Historic Venice Press 2007. Long-time travel writer and award-winning journalist Kim Cool did the road work, clocking thousands of miles on Central Florida's highways and byways. She rode the rails and soared up, up, and away, walked the beaches and visited the state's largest collection of alligators. Fully indexed and illustrated, *Cool Road Trips in Central Florida* includes lists of sport and live entertainment venues in each of five sections of Central Florida. Directions from the interstates, phone numbers and Web sites are included, making the book a useful tool for residents and visitors.

Like Trees Walking: In the Second Half of Life, Reverend Jane Sigloh '56, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. 2007. Many of us are fast approaching the "golden years" of retirement, wondering with fear—and hope—what the future holds for us. And you won't find a better companion for the journey of aging than Jane Sigloh. She's witty, perceptive, and wise. A retired Episcopal priest, she is possessed of both reverent awe and irreverent honesty about the facts and fantasies of growing old. She interweaves the insights of Scripture, poetry, fiction, and philosophy into her memories and reflections on the challenges and opportunities that maturity brings. Dip into any of these chapters and find a refreshing perspective, a humorous anecdote, or an intimate confession that will ring true to your own experience.

courtesy of Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.

Faculty Publications

Andrea Palladio: Villa Cornaro in Piombino Dese, professor of mathematical sciences at Sweet Briar College Steve R. Wassell and Branko Mitrovi, editors, Acanthus Press 2007. This book presents a full measured survey of one of Andrea Palladio's most influential works, accompanied by essays which discuss the design of the villa, the size of the *piede* (foot) used in creating the villa, and the elements of the villa such as doors and staircases. The survey is presented through 14 gatefold drawings, approx. 16.5 × 23.4 inches each, comprising a complete set of plans, elevations, sections, and window schedules (scale 1:100). The plans and window schedules are thoroughly dimensioned, and the elevations and sections include 5-meter grid lines and window labels for cross reference.

courtesy of Acanthus Press

An Invitation to Biomathematics, Academic Press 2007. Authors: Raina Robeva, associate professor of mathematical sciences; James Kirkwood, professor of mathematical sciences; Robin Davies, professor of biology; Leon Farhy, Boris Kovatchev, Michael Johnson.

Essential for all biology and biomathematics courses, this textbook provides students with a fresh perspective of quantitative techniques in biology in a field where virtually any advance in the life sciences requires a sophisticated mathematical approach. *An Invitation to Biomathematics*, expertly written by a team of experienced educators, offers students a solid understanding of solving biological problems with mathematical applications. This text succeeds in enabling students to truly experience advancements made in biology through mathematical models by containing computer-based, hands-on laboratory projects with emphasis on model development, model validation, and model refinement. The supplementary work, *Laboratory Manual of Biomathematics* is available separately.

courtesy of Academic Press

A Conductor's Guide to Nineteenth-Century Choral-Orchestral Works, Dr. Jonathan D. Green, dean of Sweet Briar College, Scarecrow Press, Inc. 2008. *A Conductor's Guide to Nineteenth-Century Choral-Orchestral Works*, the fifth in the ongoing series of books, addresses works of the Romantic era, from composers such as Beach, Beethoven, Brahms, Dvorák, Fauré, Mendelssohn, Puccini, Rossini, Saint-Saëns, Schubert, Scriabin, and Verdi. Jonathan D. Green has amassed a varied collection of significant choral-orchestral works, arranged by composer.

Each section begins with a brief biographical sketch, including a selected bibliography, then lists the composer's works. Green presents important details of each work, including the approximate duration, text sources, the voices and instruments required for the performance, editions currently available, and locations of manuscript materials. Green also provides notes and comments on performance issues, and he evaluates the solo roles and the level of difficulty of each piece. The sections conclude with a selective discography and bibliography. The information is vital for aiding conductors in choosing repertoire

appropriate to their needs and the abilities of their ensembles and can help scholars with further research.

courtesy of Scarecrow Press, Inc. www.scarecrowpress.com

Generations and Globalization: Youth, Age, and Family in the New World Economy, Deborah Durham, associate professor of anthropology and Jennifer Cole, editors, Indiana University Press 2006. Globalization is not only a large-scale phenomenon: it is also inextricably bound up with intimate aspects of personhood, care, and the daily decisions through which we make our lives. Looking at sub-Saharan Africa, Madagascar, Mexico, the United States, Europe, India, and China, *Generations and Globalization* investigates the impact of globalization in the context of families, age groups, and intergenerational relations. The contributors offer an innovative approach that focuses on the changing dynamics between generations, rather than treating changes in childhood, youth, or old age as discrete categories. They argue that new economies and global flows do not just transform contemporary family life, but are in important ways shaped and constituted by it.

courtesy of Indiana University Press, www.iupress.indiana.edu

Buying and Selling the Istrian Goat: Istrian Regionalism, Croatian Nationalism and EU Enlargement, John Ashbrook, assistant professor of history, Presses Interuniversitaires Européennes-Peter Lang, 2008. The majority of scholarly works on the dissolution of Yugoslavia and the establishment of its successor states focus almost exclusively on the national question. There is no major study of the subnational regional dimension, which had significant effects on the politics and political structures of these newly independent states. This book addresses this deficit by examining the struggle of Istrian regionalists in the Istrian Democratic Assembly (IDS) against the nearly hegemonic nationalists of the Croatian ruling party, the Croatian Democratic Alliance (HDZ).

courtesy of P.I.E.-Peter Lang

The Rope Walk, Carrie Brown, Banister Writer in Residence, Pantheon 2007. *The Rope Walk* brings us the dazzling story of a pivotal summer in the life of Alice, a redheaded tomboy and motherless girl who is beloved and protected by her five older brothers and her widower father, a professor of Shakespeare. On Memorial Day, at her tenth birthday party in the garden of her Vermont village home, Alice meets two people unlike any she's known before. Theo is a mixed-race New York City kid visiting his white grandparents for the summer. Kenneth is a cosmopolitan artist with AIDS who has come home to convalesce with his middle-aged sister. Alice and Theo form an instant bond and, almost as quickly, find themselves drawn into the orbit of the magisterial Kenneth. When the children begin a daily routine of reading aloud to the artist, who is losing his eyesight, they discover the journals of Lewis and Clark and decide to embark on their own wilderness adventure: they plan and secretly build a "rope walk" through the woods for Kenneth and in the process learn the first of many hard truths about the way adults see the world, no matter that they are often wrong.

The great gift of *The Rope Walk* is its exquisitely poised writing. Alice's narrative is a profound experience of innocence, of perception balanced between childhood and adulthood. The flying spark of new friendship, the first intimation of adult love, the consolation of devotion, which allow Alice and Theo to shed light in the midst of darkness and to find joy in mutual understanding: these glistening threads are drawn together in a timeless story–profound, seductive, wise, and moving, from first to last.

courtesy of Random House Publishers, www.randomhouse.com

Gothic Returns in Collins, Dickins, Zola, and Hitchcock, associate professor of English, Eleanor Salotto, Ph.D., Palgrave MacMillan 2006. Taking a new approach to the study of the gothic in Victorian fiction, the development of the cinema, and Alfred Hitchcock's *Vertigo*, Salotto explores the contained or repressed desires of characters and plots that defy direct representation. *Gothic Returns* is "a timely and tonic account," writes John Bown of the University of York, "of the weird mutations of gothic matter and form in 19th-century fiction and modern film."

courtesy of Palgrave MacMillan, www.palgravemacmillan.com

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COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

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MICHELLE BADGER '06, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING

Tolented senior staff serves lunch in Prothro.

Ellie Donahue '08, Meghan Kaminski '09, Sarah Goldstein '09, and Murphy Horne '09 send thank you emails to young alumnae who had given to the Annual Fund before the beginning of the Community Campaign.

During the week of February 18–22, the campus was aflutter with posters on wire stands. These brightly colored flyers touted Annual Fund statistics, offered philanthropy quotes, and shared the benefits and rewards of giving where your passion lies. Working hard behind the scenes on all things Philanthropy Week were a number of students led by Aimee Savage '10 and Mariah Hoelz '11 and assisted by Megan Behrle '09, Melissa Carron '10, and Britt Schneider '10.

This was the beginning of the first SBC Community Campaign: Philanthropy Week. The campaign was created by the Annual Fund to educate the campus family about the joy and vital importance of giving. The College relies on gifts to help offset 40 percent of the cost of education for each student, and the Annual Fund is a large component of that support system.

The third week of February marks the critical transition point in the year when tuition dollars are exhausted and gifts to the College take over to power the campus community. Completing a whole academic year would not be possible without the generous support from alumnae, families, students, faculty, and staff.

Philanthropy Week included a number of special events providing thought-provoking entertainment for all. Candy and a poem kicked off the week as each student was invited to attend the diverse events. Faculty, staff, and students were encouraged to participate throughout the week and to show their support of the College with a gift to the Annual Fund.

On Monday, a current of enthusiasm flowed through campus as students attended a career panel event. Panelists included an active group of alumnae and community members who volunteered to answer questions and share insight about their love of working and volunteering in non-profit and philanthropy-based organizations.

Tuesday and Wednesday kept the vibe as students sent email thank-you messages to recently graduated alumnae who had given to the Annual Fund. The students enjoyed the opportunity to thank these outstanding members of the young alumnae community who help support their Sweet Briar experience.

On Wednesday night students, faculty, and staff came to the Tyson Auditorium, which had been turned into a movie theater complete with candy, brownies, and a popcorn machine. Everyone enjoyed seeing *Pay It Forward* and students continued to write thank-you notes to those who had given, this time to the Fitness and Athletics Center or Tusculum.

The voltage spiked on Thursday night with another fun event. The Vixen Den was the site for Community Karaoke, and was it a sight! Faculty, staff, and students crooned and lampooned popular tunes and enjoyed a few hours of singing together.

By Philanthropy Week's end the SBC Community was fully charged and events culminated with members of senior staff putting their time and talents to work by serving lunch in Prothro. Students were delighted to see President Muhlenfeld and Louise *Swiecki* Zingaro '80 posted at the sandwich station and Linda Shank and Cheryl Steele cleaning and restocking Prothro. Heidi McCrory and Ken Huus flipped burgers and Dean Green and Paul Davies made specialty quesadillas.

Many students mentioned that you wouldn't find this at most other colleges, and the close relationship with faculty and staff is why they chose to attend Sweet Briar. They see how it takes all members of the community to make our College a success.

Philanthropy Week is a great new tradition in keeping with the history of the College since Sweet Briar began as a gift to all community members. Today we invite all community members, both local and far away, to stay "plugged in" and be rewarded by the joy of giving.

MINI *reunions*

Members of the Class of 1964 met for a Mini Reunion. Pictured from L–R: Nancy, Lynn, Harriet, Ann, Susan, Jane, Mimi in October 2007.

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At a mini-reunion of sorts, Judy *Wilson* Grant '66 and Newell bought a reserve champion hog at the National Western Stock Show Auction of Junior Livestock Champions on January 25, 2008. They were accompanied by three young alumnae living in the Denver, Colorado, area. A portion of all auction proceeds was donated to support the Western Scholarship Trust. L–R, back row: Scott Mitchell, Margaret *Grant* Mitchell, Melissa Massey '06, Blythe Lloyd '07, Newell Grant, and Judy *Wilson* Grant '66. Front row: Cameron Aaron and Kerri Faust '06.

Caption: Living Room Learning participants, front row, L–R: Camille *Williams* Yow '55, Lys *Burdette* Paulhus '01, Ann *Pegram* Howington '59.

Middle row, L–R: Anne *Corbitt* Little '34, Mary Elizabeth *Barge* Schroeder '39, Sue *Lawton* Mobley '55, Mia *Hecht* Owens '45, Anne *Sheffield* Hale '54, Newell *Bryan* Tozzer '55.

Back row, L–R: Lella *Burnett* Felker '45, Sally *Beattie* Sinkler '59, Lamar *Ellis* Oglesby '54, Ann *Crowell* Lemmon '60, Nina *Wilkerson* Bugg '60, and Weesie *Mandeville* Grant '56.

Continuing a tradition that Anne *Sheffield* Hale '54 began 38 years ago, the Sweet Briar Alumnae Club of Atlanta once again sponsored Living Room Learning during January and February of 2008. Fifty participants met in the living rooms of Anne Hale and Ann *Pegram* Howington '59. Participants include friends of Sweet Briar and alumnae. The course, which focused on southern women writers, was led by Dr. Thomas McHaney, a retired professor of southern literature at Georgia State University and friend of Sweet Briar President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld. Though Living Room Learning is not a fundraiser, the Atlanta club donated $2,500 last year from profits to the Atlanta scholarship fund for Sweet Briar students.

Architectural Literacy for Everybody

What You've Wondered about Classical Architecture but Were Afraid to Ask

The Tusculum Institute of Sweet Briar College and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources will jointly present an introductory course on classical architecture in the Tyson Auditorium of Benedict Hall on Saturday November 15, 2008. In four extensively illustrated lectures, Calder Loth, senior architectural historian for the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, will discuss the essence of the classical language of architecture and show how it has enriched our cultural landscape. Learn how to "read" our visually rich surroundings just like a book. The course is intended for those who know little about architecture but love buildings and want to learn the special meaning of their many details, and is open to Sweet Briar College alumnae, students, and faculty, as well as to interested members of the public.

For registration information, contact Bob Carter: bob.carter@dhr.virginia.gov; 434-381-6321.

Dear Alumnae Authors:

The Helen Cochran Library keeps a collection of alumnae publications. Each year during Reunion Weekend, the reuning classes' books from the collection are on display for all attendees. If you'd like to be a part of this collection, your books may be donated directly to: The Helen Cochran Library, c/o Joyce Kramer, P.O. Box 1200, Sweet Briar, VA 24595.

tours

SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION TOURS 2008-2009*

July 28-August 11, 2008
Waterways of the Tsars:
St. Petersburg to Moscow aboard the M.S. Volga Dream
Sharing with Washington & Lee and the National Trust for Historic Preservation

July 29-August 6, 2008
Village Life in Ireland: Dublin and Killarney

October 22-30, 2008
Alumni Campus Abroad in Tuscany
Sharing with Northeastern

February 10-18, 2009
A Million Monarchs: The Butterfly Kingdom of Highland Mexico with Dr. Lincoln Brower, Research Professor of Biology at Sweet Briar and a leading expert on Monarch migration
Sharing with Princeton

March 4-14, 2009
Coastal Life in Thailand and the Malay Peninsula
Sharing with Columbia University, Johns Hopkins University, and Smith College

May 29-June 11, 2009
South Africa: Three Kingdoms
(with an optional extension to Cape Town)

June 28-July 6, 2009
Alumni Campus Abroad in the Swiss Alps & Italian Lakes
Sharing with University of Iowa

July26- August 3, 2009
Village Life in the Cotswolds

October 12-27, 2009
The Blue Voyage: Legendary Turkey and the Turquoise Coast

*Dates, destinations, prices and itineraries are subject to change

Photo © L. P. Brower

Friends of Art
Meet in New York City

NANCY WHITE '79

Every November, The Friends of Art (FOA) Board combines their fall meeting with an art-buying trip to New York City. We scour the galleries and the International Federated Print Dealers Association (IFPDA) New York Print Fair for works of art to add to Sweet Briar's collection. FOA provides the only funding for Gallery art purchases, which are important educational resources for students, faculty, and the greater community.

We were welcomed with a social and educational evening at the loft apartment of Magda Salvesen '65, celebrating the relationship between The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA) and Sweet Briar. The evening's feature exhibit, Public Art Works, sponsored by the New York Transit Authority, showcased the artwork of two prominent artists and VCCA fellows, Andra Samelson and Danny Haueben, whose work has been inspired by Sweet Briar's campus.

The next morning, the FOA board voted to purchase a large scale photograph by Moroccan-born artist Lalla Essaydi (born 1956), Les Femmes du Maroc #17, 2005. Essaydi's art historical influences are Delacroix and other nineteenth-century Orientalizing painters, mostly of French descent. Our collection has a painting by Delacroix from the women of Algiers series; the Essaydi photography will be a serve as an excellent complement to it for student and faculty study. We also discussed the accreditation process for the Sweet Briar Collection and the Anne Gary Pannell Art Gallery. Such accreditation will attract important exhibitions to SBC and ensure continuing care of the College's collection. Allyson Napier '08 reported on the activities of the junior FOA. At present, students are raising money to return the dormitory parlors to a more pleasant state.

From start to finish, the fall meeting in New York was productive, educational and inspiring. It yielded wonderful fruits in friendships renewed or begun and offered us the chance to meet artists and view many works of art. It also gave us much needed time to purchase a new thought-provoking photograph for our students and faculty to use in their studies.

The SBC Friends of Art Board in NYC.

L-R: FOA board members Jane Knox and Nancy *Blackwell* Marion '74, student FOA board member Sarah Strapp '10, galleries director Rebecca Massie Lane, and FOA president Mary Jane *Schroder* Oliver Hubbard '62 in NYC.

Special Thanks

The Admissions Office would like to thank the following Alumnae Admission Representatives for taking the time to represent Sweet Briar at one or more college fairs in their local area and for those who contacted prospective students during the 2007–2008 academic year:

Mary Ann Albright '83
Joelle Andrews '06
Michelle Badger '06
Chantel Bartlett '98
Kristen Bergquist '06
Kimberly Bolz-Andolshek '99
Elizabeth *Rogers* Boyd '84
Sarah *Betz* Bucciero '97
Ethel *Ogden* Burwell '58
Victoria *Campo* Byrd '91
Cara Cherry '06
Erin Coleman '04
Gertrude Collins '84
Shannon *Callison* Cotsoradis '95
Carolyn Eney '03
Beth Farnsworth '05
V.M. *Del Greco* Galgano '64
Courtney *Yerdon* Gleason '03
Patsy *Roby* Gotfredson '84
Meghan Gregory '02
Mary Healy '96
Pamela *McDonnell* Hindsley '76
Jessica Hiveley '97
Karen Hott '91
Sara Hoverson '06
Kelly *Meredith* Iacobelli '88
Salley *Old* Kitchin '76
Ann Stuart *McKie* Kling '74
Nancy Kleinhans '06
Amy *Campbell* Lamphere '80
Dick Leslie (Board of Directors)
Elizabeth Lindsey '86
Gillian Long '03
Diana Marshall '04
Dawn Martin '01
Gwen McKinney '03
Carson *Freemon* Meinen '80
Julie *Hildebrand* Nelson '96
Natasha Nickodem '01
Elizabeth *Conner* Pace '86
Amanda Palmore '05
Emma Kate Payne '03
Kathryn *Taylor* Paine '99
Darelle Pfeiffer '98
Nancy *Mortensen* Piper '74
Ann *Faircloth* Porter '86
Michelle Poore '04
Serena Putegnat '98
Tara Putegnat '00
Victoria Rangel '04
Alicia Renfrow '06
Gwen Reyes '06
Katie *Clarkson* Robertson '97
Ashley Rogers '05
Catherine *Callender* Sauls '86
Vikki Schroeder '87
Julia Schmitz '03
Jessica Shannon '03
Andrea Sharretts '99
Courtney *Arnott* Silverthorn '03
Stacy *McKimm* Stevens '97
Jessica *Brandrup* Smith '98
Katie *Leeming* Sparkman '99
Genie *Stark* Thomas '95
Evangeline *Easterly* Taylor '00
Meredith Tillery '99
Erin *Keck* Walsh '03
Amanda Watts '05
Lynsie Watkins '05
Ariana Wolynec-Werner '01
Katie Vaughan '06

Because of the effort of the people listed above, Sweet Briar was able to have a recruiting presence at 43 events that we wouldn't have otherwise been able to attend. AARs represented the College in 18 states and covered seven more events than last year. With this momentum, we are hopeful that the AAR program will continue to provide much-needed support of our recruitment efforts, ultimately growing back to our record high for AAR-covered events of 74 during the 2003–2004 academic year. If you are not an AAR and would like to learn more about how you can help, please contact Paula *Kirkland* Ledbetter '06 in the Admissions Office (*pkirkland@sbc.edu* or 800.381.6142). Thank you all for your continued support!

—Ken Huus, Dean of Admissions

Financial Update and General Comments on the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007

PAUL DAVIES, VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

After review of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, the Sweet Briar Board of Directors was pleased to note that the College continues to improve its financial position. For the second year in a row, the College has finished favorable to budget. Our endowment finished with an 18.3% return. Thanks to the generous support of our alumnae, board, parents, faculty, staff, and friends of the College, the Annual Fund set a record of $2.4 million. The College continued to reduce its tuition discount rate and finished the year at 44%. The discount rate is a percentage produced by dividing institutional financial aid grants by total tuition and fees, exclusive of room and board. Our reliance on the endowment has been reduced from a high of $12.1 million in FY 2003 to $7.7 million in FY 2007 for a decrease of $4.4 million or 36%. A combination of increasing enrollment, reducing our discount rate, implementing cost containment, and increasing income from the Annual Fund and auxiliaries has helped us to achieve this goal. Next year's budget reflects an additional drop in reliance of our endowment by $900,000 as the College works to reduce endowment spending to a rate of 5%.

Looking to the future, the morale of the College remains high. The entering class of 2011 was the largest since 1983 and included 202 first-year students and 15 transfers. In addition, our graduate program enrolled 15 students. For the second year in a row our entering class will be admitted at a 40% tuition discount rate. By the time you read this, the College will have started construction on the new Fitness and Athletic Center with a scheduled completion date of August 2009. We are working on plans to add new apartment-style housing, available in fall 2009, for our students and to renovate and add to the Mary Helen Cochran Library.

To ensure Sweet Briar remains affordable and strong for the generations to come we must continue to increase our enrollment, grow our endowment, and be prudent in our financial decisions. Our success depends upon the collective support of our alumnae, Board, parents, faculty, staff, and students. The College thanks you for your continued support whether it be recruiting prospective students and promoting Sweet Briar to friends and family, giving to the Annual Fund or Endowment. Your financial support is critical as the College works to increase faculty salary, financial aid, and fund such critical projects as the Library and Fitness and Athletic Center. Working together we can make a difference and continue to provide an excellent education and facilities for our students.

Sweet Briar Institute Statements of Activities

Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2007 and 2006

	2007 Total	%	*2006 Total*	%
REVENUES AND GAINS:				
Net Tution and Fees	12,008,187	26.19%	11,706,444	29.96%
Investment Income (1)	18,244,665	39.79%	9,160,415	23.45%
Gifts	5,368,617	11.71%	8,816,574	22.57%
Auxiliary Sales and Services	8,284,262	18.07%	7,581,851	19.41%
Sales & Services Educational Dept	93,213	0.20%	100,644	0.26%
Federal Grants & Contracts	779,683	1.70%	661,882	1.69%
State Grants & Contracts	767,425	1.67%	676,359	1.73%
Other Saurces	310,895	0.68%	364,177	0.93%
Total	**45,856,947**	**100.00%**	**39,068,346**	**100.00%**
EXPENSES AND LOSSES:				
Instruction	13,250,925	36.00%	13,051,346	36.69%
Research	511,058	1.39%	623,052	1.75%
Academic Support	3,350,728	9.10%	3,362,404	9.45%
Student Services	3,538,976	9.61%	3,231,598	9.08%
Institutional Support	7,604,885	20.66%	7,355,456	20.68%
Schalarship and Fellowship	973,600	2.64%	814,242	2.29%
Auxiliary Enterprises	7,579,505	20.59%	7,136,818	20.06
Total Expenses and Losses	**36,809,677**	**100.00%**	**35,574,916**	**91.06%**
Change in Net Assets before adaption of FASB 158		9,047,270		3,493,430
Effect of adaption of FASB 158		2,769,725		
Net Assets at the beginning of the Year		142,057,668		138,564,238
Net Assets at end of Year		**153,874,663**		**142,057,668**

(1) Includes Investment income and Realized gain and Unrealized loss on long & short term investments

Sweet Briar Institute Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

as of 30 June 2007

	as of 6/30/07	as of 6/30/06
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,784,768	2,525,009
Accounts Receivable	714,856	603,469
Loans to Students	1,518,607	1,488,088
Dividends & Interest Receivable	326,466	379,528
Contributions Receivable	1,594,594	1,959,718
Pledges Receivable	4,148,338	4,604,099
Inventories	315,850	338,754
Prepaid Expenses and Deferred Chgs	160,516	145,106
Investments	103,178,568	94,834,933
Beneficial Int Perpetual Trust	7,847,024	7,128,492
Assets restricted to investment in land, buliding and equipment	8,255,464	7,955,163
Land, Buildings and Equipment	47,238,338	48,765,763
Deferred Bond Issuance Costs	365,964	388,767
Funds held by trustee under bond indenture	18,055,364	19,491,982
Total assets	**197,504,717**	**190,608,871**
LIABILITIES		
Accounts and Other Payables	1,147,123	1,511,219
Accrued Interest	610,885	656,433
Student Deposits and Advance Fees	1,226,106	970,862
U.S. Government Grants Refundable	1,138,818	1,135,303
Annuity Obligations	733,364	895,112
Asset Retirement Obligation	55,795	53,088
Post Retirement Benefit Obligations	254,341	2,994,065
Self Insurance Liability	113,000	164,887
Bonds Payable	38,350,622	40,170,234
Total liabilities	**43,630,054**	**48,551,203**
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted	94,128	84,915
Unrestricted-designated	76,784,304	67,851,636
Temporarily Restricted	21,356,847	20,672,708
Permanently Restricted	55,639,384	53,448,409
Total net Assets	**153,874,663**	**142,057,668**
Total liabilities and net assets	**197,504,717**	**190,608,871**

recent deaths

If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.

1924
Mary Rich
Mrs. Robert E. Robertson Jr.
Date unknown

Sara Callison
Mrs. John R. Jamison
May 3, 2008

1929
Margaret Weisiger
Mrs. Harry E. Proctor
February 27, 2008

1930
Mary Carroll
Miss Mary A. Carroll
Date unknown

1932
Jean Hathaway
Mrs. Allan B. Temple
Date unknown

1933
Lillian Allison
Mrs. John L. Redman Jr.
Date unknown

Doris Crane
Mrs. Samuel C. Loveland, Jr.
December 29, 2007

1934
Mary Higgins
Mrs. Gilbert L. Porsche
December 20, 2007

Elizabeth Mayfield
Mrs. Peter R. W. Roughton
January 22, 2008

Sara Merritt
Mrs. Sara M. Brentnall
April 28, 2008

1935
Suzanne Wilson
Mrs. Evan M. Rutherford
January 14, 2008

Dorothy Young
Mrs. Robert A. Patneau
October 1, 1993

1936
Adela Elizabeth "Betty" Cacke
Mrs. Peyton B. Winfree, Jr.
February 14, 2008

1937
Margaret Kirk
Mrs. J. L. Virden
March 24, 2008

1939
Ethel Hauber
Mrs. Joseph J. Crowe, Jr.
April 12, 2008

1940
Helen Patton
Mrs. J. Skelly Wright
December 9, 2007

1941
Patricia Potter
Mrs. Patricia P. Duncan
April 14, 2008

1942
Mary Geyer
Mrs. John P. Sawyer
August 8, 2007

1943
Nancy Bean
Mrs. Louis J. Hector
August 24, 2007

Elaine Brimberg
Ms. Elaine Dundy
May 1, 2008

Judith Agnes Colcord
Mrs. Henry D. Jeffries
March 1, 2008

Dorothy Friday
Miss Dorothy M. Friday
Date unknown

Razelia Hazard
Mrs. E. Sheldon Patter
February 24, 2008

Virginia Knowlton
Mrs. Robert Fite
October 10, 2005

Elizabeth Schmeisser
Mrs. Elizabeth S. Nelson
January 1, 2008

1944
Mary King
Mrs. L. W. Oehmig
January 11, 2008

1945
Harriet Hazen
Mrs. E. Reed Harnack
December 26, 2007

1946
Margaret Carmichael
Mrs. Robert M. Lester Jr.
March 3, 2008

Elizabeth Ryland
Mrs. Donald Cecil
March 10, 2008

1947
Katharine Weisiger
Mrs. Katharine W. Osborne
April 3, 2008

1948
Betty Leffel
Mrs. Walter M. Wingate
January 5, 2008

Virginia "Jackie" Skeppstrom
Mrs. John W. Cline
January 29, 2008

1949
Eugenia Rose
Mrs. Joel T. Cheatham
April 18, 2005

1952
Susan Otis
Dr. Susan Otis Thompson
March 5, 2008

1953
Caroline Moody
Mrs. William D. Roberts
March 21, 2008

1954
Faith Aldrich
Mrs. Faith A. Wykoff
March 28, 2008

1958
Barbara McClancy
Miss Barbara McClancy
Date unknown

1962
Mary Louise Kelley
Mrs. Mary Louise Dame
December 8, 2007

1989
Julia Carter
Ms. Julia Carter Baker
March 29, 2008

1998
Heather Reynolds
Mrs. Heather L. Cecil
February 18, 2008

2001
Stephanie Ladd
Miss Stephanie Eugenia Ladd
November 21, 2006

The Sweet Briar Alumnae Association appreciates notifications of deaths. Please relay information to the Alumnae Office, P.O. Box E, Sweet Briar, VA 24595 or alumnae@sbc.edu.

class notes

1934

Reunion 2009: May 22-24, 2009

Martha *Lemmon* Stohlman
Pennswood Village D-212
1382 Newtown-Langhorne Rd
Newtown PA 18940

Sadly, I report the death of Sara Merritt Brentnall who passed away, 4/28/08. She was very proud to be a graduate of SBC.
—C.Murray '06

1935

Juliet Halliburton Davis
4100 Well Spring Dr
No. 2305
Greensboro, NC 27410

1938

Frances Bailey Brooke
405 Jackson Ave
Lexington, VA 24450

1940

Ruth M. Schwartz
2242 Langley Circle
Orlando, FL 32835
RMS246@hotmail.com

1942

Ann M. Reams
771 Bon Air Circle
Lynchburg, VA 24503
amrsbc@version.net

1943

Dr. Catherine Silverman
5118 Monroe Vlg
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

Dolores "Dodi" Cheatham James is a first-rate watercolorist who shows and sells her work. Her visits to NY are a shot in the arm for those interested in the art scene as there is no one more knowledgeable or vocal in her opinions, which are always illuminating. Her arrival this winter was an occasion for us to get together with **Peggy Roudin Weinberger** who looks as marvelous as ever, maybe because she goes to the gym every week where she hangs by her knees.

We're all amused by a *New York Times* full page article about Tracy Tynan McBride, daughter of classmate **Elaine Brimberg Dundee Tynan**. Tracy and her husband, successful theater and movie people, have built an unusual house in the desert outside of Joshua Tree National Park. By looking Ellie up on the internet we learned that her 1st novel, *The Dud Avocado*, written in the 60s, has been reissued becoming something of a cult item. Elaine who was once married to the brilliant British critic, Kenneth Tynan, has written a number of successful books and plays.

A sad note was struck at the memorial service for **Nancy Bean Hector** who passed away several months ago. Nancy led an enviable life filled with the music she always loved. She held prestigious jobs, had 3 interesting husbands, and had countless notable and devoted friends. She was always witty, very smart, and full of fun.

As for me, **Annabelle Forsch Prager**, I still work hard to improve the unfortunate state of music education in the schools of NYC. Happily the InterSchool Orchestras of NY, which I founded in 1972, has been very satisfying for all concerned, especially me. Our 6 orchestras and chamber players for children of all ages and skills present more than 30 first-rate music events each season and have won numerous prizes. Did anyone catch me on NY's channel 13 when ISO was inducted into their Hall of Fame? For some reason the 1 min. scene was repeated over and over.

1944

Reunion 2009: May 22-24, 2009

Alice Lancaster Buck
9357 Covenant Hill Lane
Marshall, VA 20115
pbbuck1@verizon.net

Last Oct. **Harriett "Hatty" Tavenner Owens** and Bob moved from Smith Mt. Lake to 118 Grand Summit Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502. They love their life there in a cottage on a tiny lake "which is home to all kinds of birds and growing things." Her Easter card said she was recovering from pneumonia.

Paulett Long Taggart lost her husband Ganson last summer. Ganson was a faithful attendee at our class reunions and rarely missed a tennis match when we organized a game. On 1/5/08 Paulett and **Gene Patton Odell** co-hosted an SB Day luncheon in Concord, MA, at the home of Lauren MacMannis Huyett '79.

Peggy Gordon Seiler had several mini reunions this year. She and Bob saw Peggy's SB roommate **Sydney Holmes Bales** while visiting their daughter Margaret and her family in Brooklyn, NY. They were in Savannah in spring and saw **Anita Lippitt Clay**. Later Peggy and daughter Margaret attended a national meeting of the Girl Scouts in Washington, D.C., where Peggy was an honored guest as the niece of Juliette Gordon Low. She and Bob flew to Boston in Sept. to attend the memorial service for Paulett's husband Ganson. They continue to enjoy life at Westminster-Canterbury in Richmond where they've been for 3 yrs.

Betty Farinholt Cochrill lost her Navy Capt. husband Jim last Jun. after 62 yrs of marriage. She "feels blessed to have had so many wonderful years of memories." Betty still lives in the Ginger Cove retirement community in Annapolis.

Louise Smith Barry writes that while visiting her son George and his family in Baton Rouge, LA, they took a day trip to New Orleans and saw the WWII Museum which fortunately survived the flood and is being expanded. Louise spent a night with us (**Alice Lancaster Buck** and Pete) on the way to Homecoming at SBC. We had a small, but enthusiastic group from our class including **Betty Williams Gookin** and Richard's daughter Shanley Jacobs, joined us for part of the weekend. She teaches at VCU in Richmond and is as beautiful as her grandmother! We all agreed with the Princeton Review that SBC not only has the most beautiful campus in the country, but in our opinion is *the* place to receive a first-class education.

Margy Brendlinger Robinson sent me a copy of an article on SBC from the *Raleigh News and Observer*. The author, who admitted she was skeptical of the Princeton Review's verdict, began by writing "All right, I have to admit it's stunning." The title of the article was "Sweet Briar Earns 4.0 for Beauty." Margy would like to visit SBC again because she has so many good memories, but living post-stroke life is pretty confining. With the help of husband Walt and her daughters, she has learned to talk, read, and write again, but is unable to drive. She wrote just before Thanksgiving and was expecting 27 members of her family who were all bringing the dinner.

Alice Johnson Fessenden in Henderson, NV, took a cruise to Patagonia and made her 6th trip to S. Africa where she spent a month with friends. She visited **Catherine "Tee" Tift Porter** at her new condo in FL. Tee spent Thanksgiving with her children who live in Washington D.C., and then accompanied daughter Pattie and her husband to Rome, Italy, for a week. She said she saw it as never before and "walked for 5 days over the central city and learned a lot."

Pete and **Alice Lancaster Buck**, had a wonderful cruise on the Great Lakes last fall. They told us it was probably the last cruise for a while because the water in the lakes is at such a low level that it's hard to dock ships. I had some trouble with arterial fibrillation during winter, but a cruise to the warm and beautiful Caribbean in Feb. was a wonderful cure. I'm now back playing tennis.

Betty Gookin writes that they bid on a house at Round Hill, Jamaica, and won! They had a fabulous week there in Oct. with their 2 daughters and husbands. Richard's 2 si sters joined them and stayed in a nearby hotel. Great progress is being made on their house that had the fire in 2/07. They hope to be back in by late summer. "Our nephew is our project manager and is doing a first- rate job. We have a wonderful new indoor swimming and fitness center in town so we try to keep fit with swimming aerobics 3 times a week. I'm still playing tennis with a pal my age and 2 much younger gals. Richard and I had a great weekend at the Homestead, Hot Springs, VA, attending a conference of the VA Assoc. of Museums, representing our new John S. Mosby Museum in Warrenton. We also keep busy with church and conservation work. We expect

HOW TO GET YOUR NEWS IN CLASS NOTES:

Send your news to the Class Secretary listed with your class. If your class has no Class Secretary listed, please send news to the Alumnae Office, Sweet Briar, VA 24595. (E-mail: alumnae@sbc.edu). Classmates want to hear from you!

Secretaries may submit notes for every issue of the magazine. Please see that your Class Secretary receives your news before the deadlines below:

Issue	Deadline
Fall '08	July 1, 2008
Winter '08	November 1, 2008
Spring '09	April 1, 2009

Class Secretaries are volunteers elected by their class and are responsible for the accuracy of the class notes.

Make sure the Alumnae Office has your correct e-mail address! Please send e-mail addresses to: alumnae@sbc.edu

to get back to Cape Cod this year with the family, but without grandchildren who are spread far and wide. Lt. Chris Ford is, thankfully, back safe and sound after 14 mo. in Iraq. David works in CO, Michael and Kate are in TX, and Anne is teaching children how to speak English in Seoul, Korea. The exciting thing is that Kim, her mother, and I are going over to meet her in Tokyo in Jul. for sightseeing in Japan and then visit her in Seoul." Hope to see many of you at the SBC Homecoming in the fall.

1945

Julia Mills Jacobsen
ljamj@erols.com

Mary Haskins King
501 Kimberly Dr
Greensboro, NC 27408

Sadie Gwin Allen Blackburn reports: "I'm so advanced in age that my organizations are honoring me at various events: the Memorial Park Conservancy, the Rice U. Design Alliance, and the San Jacinto Museum of History. Oldest granddaughter Catherine is married. My activities with the national level of the Garden Club of America are now on the local level because my beloved doctor husband is confined to a wheelchair; his mind is as lively as ever and he has 2 luncheon groups of men friends who solve the problems of the world each week. I'm sorry not to be able to come to SBC for events, but am happy that another strong effort is now being made to revive our alumnae group meetings. Best regards."

Jean Riddler Fahrenbach writes: "Hi Julie, I still hope that you will come to VT. I can't recommend the weather at the moment, another ice storm and more snow on the way. Spring should be nice, so let me know when to meet you at the airport. The guest room is ready! I managed to escape some of our record-breaking snowfall by going to Egypt and Jordan for 3 wks in Feb. Great trip but fairly strenuous. They had snow in Jordan just before and just after we were there. Had several once-in-a-lifetime experiences: rode a camel, hiked 2 ½ mi. into Petra, saw the new library at Alexandria. I have over 800 pictures to sort and label! Hope to see you in spring. (I have a granddaughter, Julia Mary Louise Jacobsen, at U. VT. I'm really going to make it when I can walk a little better.—Julie)

The longest e-mail came from **Wyline Chapman Sayler**: "I call this kind of e-mail 'Grandchildren and great-grandchildren Bragging Rights'! Grandson Aaron Sayler graduated with highest honors, (same as summa cum laude) from GA Tech, M.A.Ed from GA St., Star teacher of '07 at Frederick Douglas h. s. in Atlanta, highest math (I guess it's calculus, trig, or something I hardly know how to pronounce), and most of his students go on to coll.! This precious young man is getting married 6/14 to Becky Ladner, grad. of Emory, M.A. from Columbia, who also teaches in Atlanta. They've known each other from church for 9 yrs. Granddaughter Page Cook, mom of adorable Amelia (6), has opened a gift shop in Newnan. Page is a wholesale rep. for top-line gift shops. Jennifer is a forest fire fighter in WY, double major from the U. FL. Her brother Stephen, living in Miami, is with Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines handling the computers aboard when he travels to the Finland shipyard for the construction of these behemoths! Mary, mother of Baby Lily (8 mos.), lives with husband Sam Phillips in Atlanta, is a vet tech working from home for now. Elizabeth, mother of Gabrielle (3), lives near Savannah with husband Jason Klempner. Christopher Sayler works at the Fort Pierce municipal airport, loves it. The youngest 3: Chap is a senior at U.FL., Bradley, a sophomore at St. Petersburg Coll., and Christine, a freshman at U. of South FL., living in the dorm at the St. Pete campus. The parents: Lee, an attorney in Jupiter, Alan and Lynn, water conditioning company in St. Pete, Robin trying to find work in the computer field in Atlanta, Van and Jane, VP in fixed income at Raymond James in St. Petersburg. We're lucky to have 2 boys living in St. Pete! Henry and I are plugging along; he's amazing with his Macular Degeneration, still going to the gym every day, riding with the St. Pete Bicycle club 20 mi. on Sat. Not today, the wind is almost 40 mph, so we went to Village Inn for breakfast instead! (Let me interject here; I can't even go that far on my new electric scooter, Julie) Getting to First Methodist every Sun. for the 8 a.m. (traditional) service. I'm still delivering Meals on Wheels and helping with our church's Mail Boxes ministry at the Salvation Army once a month. I met a lovely new, young member who is helping with our name tags at church. Henry did say, "Who's gonna take your place?" So after my 83rd birthday last Jul. I found someone! We're both doing them, using a Web site, which amazes me! Some day I'm going to understand what I'm doing on this gadget! My brother Alvah Chapman and precious wife Betty are doing barely ok after his strokes. But he's still the moving fire behind helping the homeless in Miami. The group he founded has built 2 homeless facilities, reducing the homeless population from approx. 8,000 to 1,800. The success rate is 58%, getting the homeless back to work and in a place to live. The Salvation Army told him if he had 25% success that would be miraculous! Wish we had that kind of duo in St. Petersburg! The program is going national under the direction of one of Alvah's best friends, Armando Codina, who came from Cuba in Pedro Pan in the '60s. Former governor Jeb Bush worked for Armando before he became gov. In May we're going to West Point for Henry's 65th reunion, Class of '43. We're so happy that my sister Dale Morgan is coming, and so are our sons, Lee and Alan. This comes with love and best wishes to all of you classmates."

Ann Dickson "Dickie" Jordan writes: "Good to hear from you. Luke and I took a fabulous 2-wk Mediterranean cruise last May into Jun.; started in Barcelona and went to France, Italy, Athens, Greek Isles, Ephesus, Sicily, and back to Barcelona. A wonderful trip. We live in Salem, VA. Will be going to VA Beach for Easter week and will see **Perk Traugott Brown** and other good friends. Best love."

I, **Julia Mills Jacobsen**, pretty well recovered from a stroke cant-type; then I got flipped off my big electric scooter at SBC and cut up my bad leg pretty badly. The 5th ed. of *From Idea to Funded Project for the digital age*, co-authored with O.T., Jan Kress, is in the book stores. I'm on The Advisory Board of the Occupational Therapy Department at Howard U. and am an occasional guinea pig for the students in the new M.A. program. I returned from CA where I attended the American Occup. Therapy Assoc. Convention to look at all the gadgets to aid the handicapped. I took my neat new 4-wheeled scooter right on the plane with all of the baby strollers, saw my daughter and 2 grandchildren and made it home without incident.

Let me hear from you any time. You can see the faithful ones here.

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Martha Budd Shelnutt writes from Wilmington, DE: "My great grandchild will be 1 in May. Oldest daughter Ann Barry was married at Thanksgiving to a lawyer she went with for 20 yrs. She had been married to Dave Barry right after Bryn Mawr." Martha lost her daughter, Barbara, last year, surely one of the hardest things that can happen to anyone. I know the whole class extends heartfelt compassion on the occasion of that loss.

Evie White Spearman reports the arrival of her namesake, great-granddaughter Evelyn Posey Baird, born 3/5/08 in Mobile, AL, and already entered at SBC. Exuberant welcome to the first member of the Class of 2028!

From Norfolk, VA, **Jean Old** says that after 50 yrs of diligent work in the murky world of investments, recently with Wachovia, she has finally retired as of 2/1/08. (No wonder the economy has gone into a tailspin!) "I stuck it out through no fewer than 7 name changes. Wachovia being the 7th, and now I'm happy to be doing volunteer work plus my garden." Jean went to our 60th reunion with **Margie Redfern**, also from Norfolk, and **Liz Abbot Langhorne**, from Lexington. Good for them for holding up our class honor!

Mary McDuffie Redmond tells of her granddaughter at Davidson who, despite being a lowly freshman, has already made it onto the varsity cheerleaders' squad, just in time to celebrate the Davidson basketball triumph. Mary's husband Lee is still active in his law office, but he did find time to go with Mary to Huntsville where they stayed with **Evie White Spearman**. To no one's surprise, Mary reports that Evie is busy 24/7 with literary, ecclesiastical, and civic activities without which Huntsville would doubtless sink into oblivion.

Carol Blanton McCord, now a resident of Broadmead in Cockeysville, MD, counts a goodly number of SBC'ers among her Brookmead neighbors: **Judy Burnett Halsey**, Ann Moore Remington '44, Judy Baldwin Waxter '49, Peggy Cromwell Tolliver '49, Jo Nelson Booze '54, and Margaret Leonard Proctor '42. Carol keeps in touch with **Liz Ripley Davey**, **Nan Hart Stone**, and **Katie Street Sharp**, thanks in part to her spending a month in winter in Sanibel and most of the summer in NH—2 choice venues to visit!

Margaret "Meg" Dawson Hellyer speaks for most of us with the following missive: "Perhaps after passing our 60th reunion, the problem isn't so much the loss of abilities as the time spent in keeping up with all the demands of aging. We must walk, the further the better, and daily if possible. We must exercise our brains with pursuing our own versions of creativity. We must consult our doctors and dentists more often than in the past. To know what grandchildren are talking about, we must have an idea of what blogs, ipods and blackberries are. Some of us may even learn to use them. On the internet, we must learn to avoid falling prey to a virus and to e-mails that could lead to theft of our ID. We must make wise choices in the constant assault of requests for donations. To play our part in the hope of keeping our area and our country stable, we must follow the caprices of elections, proposed legislations, and even of elected officials. We must not regret the loss of that vision of old age as sitting quietly by a fire knitting, maybe rising to bake a pie for the family, but otherwise nodding our way into oblivion. We are in the 21st Century. To get back to your request: The novel I earlier reported in the hands of an agent is now tucked on a back burner for re-writing while I enjoy classes, conferences and the critiques by fellow writers of my current attempt. I really have little to report except that life is still a glorious juggling act. With my affectionate greetings to you, forgot to say I'm for Hillary. How about you?"

And finally, **Ann Colston Leonard** is still holding the Middle Atlantic States together from her vantage point in North Chevy Chase, MD: "We've been in this house for 47 yrs, I'm still potting in my studio. We've spent 45 summers on Martha's Vineyard where we were lucky to build before the rush, and where did all that time go? I haven't turned grey yet (this item for Zu), but the rest of me has noticed we're 8 decades on. Our 5 children, 3 doctors, 1 book artist, and 1 business person, thrive in their own ways. No one rushed into marriage, no great-babies. But the 11 grandchildren include 3 sets of twins (6 and under). I'd like to write a memoir for those 11 about our growing up years, which look golden in retrospect, but it's easier to wrestle with clay than face the computer. As for classmates, I see **Sue Van Cleve Riehl** whose daughter Chris (also SBC) is with the State Department. Sue's husband, Bud, died Christmas a year ago; he and we felt like he was a member of the class."

From **Katherine Street Sharp** in Nashville, TN: "Very little has changed since last year. Moved to a smaller house in '06. I'm more socially active, but less outdoor active. Have 4 cute great-grandchildren who keep me entertained. Youngest granddaughter graduates from Belmont U. in Nashville next year, and she'll be sorely missed when she returns home to OK. Visited **Carol McCord** in Sanibal last Jan. What a treat!"

As of this writing, our extra-family interests seem pretty well taken up with John, Barak, and Hillary. Where will it all end up? Say what you will, American politics these days are anything but boring. Shrill, yes. Absurd, sometimes. Exhausting, absolutely. But boring, positively not!

As for me, I proudly count 12 grands and 2 greats, one of whom is shown herewith, a sure winner in this year's Easter egg collection! Silas Wolcott Smith (2 ½), resident of Berkeley, CA. Finally, heartfelt thanks to all of you who responded to my pleas for news. I hope some of us will get together somehow, somewhere in '08. In the meantime, good luck, good health, and love to you all.

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Apparently life really does begin at 80, as **Libby Trueheart Harris** asserts, because 22 of you made use of the stamped, self-addressed postcards I mailed out. Our computer/e-mail group gets all the news instantly and all of you are quite capable of jumping into this wonderful new world of communication and information. I urge you to do it!

Libby had a big celebration in Jan. hosted by her children as she turned 80 and was thrilled at the unexpected appearance of **Patricia "Pat" Brown Boyer** who flew up to Richmond from Winter Park, FL. Pat has never seen so many pulchritudinous, charming Virginians in one room, including **Caroline Casey Lindemann** and **Katharine "Kitty" Hart Belew**. **Margaret Towers Talman** would have been there except for an injured shoulder. Pat sees **Judy Easley Mak** and Dayton every winter, and this year also Judy Campbell '50 with her daughter Hallie Swanson, a professional travel writer living in London. Pat enjoys serving on the Musical Advisory Committee for the Orlando Festival of Orchestras which brings in 5 international and national orchestras for performances each season. Judy Mak went to FL to the Cloister in Sea Island (they, like Walter and I who honeymooned there, much preferred the "old" Cloister to the modern version), then back to Winter Park to have a lovely dinner with Pat and her racquet club. We're all planning to return to campus for our 60th reunion next spring, "God willing" as Judy says!

Margaret Towers Talman writes that the other "locals" were invited to join the SBC Board for dinner last winter which they really enjoyed, with elaborate food and drinks and 2 lectures at the Omni Hotel. Their group included Kitty Hart Belew and Peggy Robertson Christian '48. I assume Mag recovered from her fall and injured shoulder.

Caroline Casey Lindemann had a wonderful trip to AK with the Virginia Historical Society conclave in Seattle. Caroline was honored for 25 yrs perfect attendance since the group's founding. She still collects small books, which she adds to the collection she has already given to UVA. Caroline was looking forward to a May trip to Turkey "In the Footsteps of St. Paul."

Joan McCarthy Whiteman enjoyed the Christmas wedding of her granddaughter Lindsay and keeps busy otherwise with a few boards and lots of duplicate bridge.

Ruthie Garrett Preucel writes, on the ominous Ides of March, that she's still in her home of 45 yrs in Gladwyne, PA, raising orchids in her green house and gardening in her parterre garden. She's on no prescription drugs, she says, and is the same size as at SBC…how many of us can say that? She chats with Mary Fran and Polly and works weekly at the Morris Arboretum.

June Eager Finney says her doctor, after her recent physical, told her to "just keep on keepin' on" which is good advice for all of us. June still enjoys her art work and being near the younger generations.

Sue Corning Mann by now has some new knees to adjust to with, I hope, as little trouble as I've had with mine. Just keep up the therapy, Sue, as we do 3 times a week. She and Hank spent time down at Marco Island visiting his son and getting away from cold weather. Costa Rica is the place to see birds, says **Margaret "Peggy" Cromwell Taliaferro**, who took an Elder Hostel Eco-trip last winter. No bears down there, I trust, Peggy! And no foolin', she says, she'll be back for reunion.

So nice to hear from **Roselise Holmes Willkinson**. She and husband have retired from their respective medical practices and are enjoying their 5 grandchildren. They both had their share of cardiac surgery, but it doesn't interfere with their lives. Her sister, Joselle, lives in NYC and is well.

Ann "Flip" Eustis Weimer is going through 45 yrs of stuff in preparation for a move next spring to a retirement community. She and her sister-in-law are planning another RV trip from ME to Yellowstone to tour four 33 days in various national parks with a group. Sounds like fun to me! Ann's 9th great-grandchild is due in Aug. Can anyone top that?

Ann Barrett Holmes Bryan and Bob will soon mark their 5 yr residence at Fellowship Village in NJ and 58 yrs of marriage. They're happy to have a daughter living nearby and a great-granddaughter in NC. Ann says they're still "up and at 'em!"

Polly Plummer Mackie moved "just in time" to Beaumont, a retirement community as the arthritis in her hands now limits her activities. Her daughter lives in her NYC apartment, and drives Polly up to attend theatre performances in the city.

Katie Cox Reynolds and Phil are happy in their new easier house in Bloomfield, CT, where they've become "somewhat involved in the governance" of the place, and in performing in plays and readings. Katie has avoided knee surgery by devoted gym and pool activities available right where they live. She'll be mayor again soon, I bet!

Thanks to **Anne Bush Train** who wrote just to use the pre-stamped card and to say she is 80, and in good health, but wouldn't mind being 70 again! If you get your wish Anne, please tell us how to do it!

Sally Ayres Shroyer and Lou traveled to Cuba last fall with a group taking in medical and school supplies and found it fascinating, from Hemingway's House to shortages of many things like pens and such niceties. Sally likes their retirement community where she uses the stove light to grow African violets since she never has to cook!

Ellen Ramsay Clark says winter came briefly to Memphis with rare snow and sleet. She was hoping to get to FL (Destin) in May, and she and Ken plan on SBC for reunion next spring.

Ann Henderson Bannard and Yorke enjoy the blooming desert after a colder than usual winter. They marked their anniversary up in beautiful Sedona and then Pheonix for "The Nutcracker" with grandchildren. By a weird coincidence, their winter neighbors are our summer neighbors in NJ, so we share news through them.

There's precious little news from my roomies, and none from dear **Mary Louis Stevens Web**. **Alice Trout Hagan**, my cousin, says that she's still in the same house with guest rooms available for visitors; she's feeling well and having fun. Now recovered from "O-D-ing" on physical therapy, she's better, wiser, and trying to keep up with 10 busy grandchildren. As for **Patsy Davin Robinson**, I learned she still plays tennis and visits son Sandy in FL and daughter Davin in Rochester, NY.

Nancy E. Craig tells of her success in the world of art and upcoming exhibition in Provincetown, MA, near where she lives. She's trying to adjust to the unexpected loss of her husband and best friend, Preston Carter, last Aug. Nancy plays singles tennis, swims a mile in the ocean everyday until after Thanksgiving, and rides her bike everywhere! Her artwork is beautiful! I hope some can be printed in this magazine.

Ann Doar Jones and Frank left "the river" and moved to a house in Warsaw, VA, where they have a number of friends and are near children and grandchildren.

Beth Gorter-Jansma still misses Kaspar, who died several years ago, but has 2 kind children and 4 grandchildren, also 5 hips (3 replacements!) and considers herself lucky in her life.

We all send sympathy to **Preston Hodges Hill** in her loss of Gene after his courageous battle against cancer. I look at their lovely Christmas photo so often as they smile greetings to us.

Larry Lawrence Simmons wrote a great Christmas poem and sent a wonderful picture. She and Charles, who both look happy and healthy, celebrated birthdays with a Hawaiian cruise, seeing whales, cavorting, and playing bridge. They were looking forward to the usual welcome influx of summer visitors.

Katharine "Kay" Veasey Goodwin and Dave have lived in the same house in Merrimackport overlooking the Merrimack River for 55 yrs. They've loved seeing Ann and Yorke Bannard who make time for them on their trips. **Elisabeth "Betty" Corddry** and Kay talked last winter and would wel-

come any information on **Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Hancock Fritzsche**—last known address is Fernandina FL. "Can we really be having a 60th Reunion next spring!?" she says.

I loved the family picture from **Carolyn Cannady Evans** with the children looking so like the parents! Carolyn travels to visit them and also enjoyed a tour of 7 western national parks with Hervey's sister, Ann McIver. Carolyn returned to SBC for Homecoming last fall and hopes to return for our reunion.

We send sympathy to the family of **Eugenia Rose Cheatham** of Henderson, NC, who died in 4/05.

Mary Fran Brown Ballard still works for the PA State Democratic Committee and is busy right now, of course. She also helped elect the first Democratic woman ever to the PA Supreme Court. Mary Fran and Don do a lot of opera and theater. They enjoyed a visit with Dean Green and wife Lynn Buck in Jan. for an SBC luncheon. We'll see them both at Homecoming in fall and reunion in spring. Perhaps Mary Fran will again fire a pistol to start the Cardboard Boat Regatta.

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This is the year many of us turn 80! Did you really think we would reach this milestone? Accordingly, I shall only report the cheerful news.

Lola Steele Shepherd forwarded some Christmas notes: **Betty Todd Landen** wrote that she has a freshman granddaughter at the U. of Puget Sound and another teaching a junior semester in Costa Rica where the "progressive methods...don't sell too well." **Caroline "Bill" Bailey Fritzinger** and Noel had a great trip to Costa Rica except for the prevalent mud after the rainy season; **Nancy Drake Maggard** and Jack hosted 15 grandchildren and families at Christmas, after which they recuperated in FL; **Sally Lane Johnson** sent photos of her 5 beautiful grandchildren; and **Susan Tucker Yankee** and Dick had a full '07: Jul. took them to W&L for Alumni Coll.; Sept. to MT to visit friends and the Lewis Clark and Dinosaur museums; Oct. to Lake Burton in the North GA mountains; Thanksgiving a visit from their Atlanta daughter; and, finally, the birth of their 1st great-grandson.

Still in Richmond, **Mary Waller Berkeley Fergusson** and Russell moved into a small 1-floor house with health care close by if needed.

Betty Elmore Gilleland's knee surgery went well, but she and Guy aren't planning any trips abroad this year.

A Christmas card from **Bonnie Loyd Crane** stated that she has moved to Cape Ann, MA and opened another art gallery.

Lola and Deedee are still in their Lexington, VA, home to have the 2 mares nearby. She reports that **Louise Moore** also had a knee replacement. Lola and Waller are hoping to meet **Ginger Luscombe Rogers** when she visits Charlottesville and together may visit SBC.

I would appreciate your returning the postcards inserted in the winter edition of the alumnae magazine. Many thanks.

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The Class of '52 and their families continue to make the news. **Polly Plumb deButts**, now VP of the Guild of Professional Tour Guides in D.C., has written delightful columns for the *Washington Post* about tour guiding and tour taking. She's working on a book about her son's mental illness. **Anne Hoagland Kelsey**'s granddaughter Sarah Plumb, an athletic beauty on her way to Dartmouth, was featured in the *Boston Globe*. **Martha Legg Katz**'s granddaughter Annabelle Laserson was the subject of a marvelous *New York Times* article. 5-yr-old Annabelle and 2 other little girls were adopted from an orphanage in China where they shared a crib. Now all 3 are best friends—in Brooklyn. Also featured in the *Times* was **Pat Beach Thompson**, shown at an American Fold Art Museum gala. Pat still performs. She played Mrs. Trotsky in David Ives' *Variations o the Death of Trotsky*, and she continues to lecture, most recently on "An Herbal Journey through Literature." **Sally Miller Gearhart** also made the news. A fund has been established in her honor to enhance lesbian studies within the Women and Gender Studies Program at the U. of OR. **Joanne Holbrook Patton**'s son Robert has another book coming out in May, *Patriot Pirates* about maritime trade during the American Revolution. **Anne Hoagland Kelsey** and husband Jack loaned their splendid WWII posters (originally collected by Anne's father) to the Vero Beach Museum of Art for an exhibition. Another contributor to the Vero Beach Museum is **Charlotte Snead Stifel**.

On the move: **Marge Levine Abrams** and husband have relocated in the Atlanta area after 27 years in FL. **Peggy Nelson Harding** and Tom Strickland (husband of **Ann Garst Strickland**) have moved to retirement communities to care more easily for their ailing spouses. **Barbara Baker Bird winters** in FL, summers in VT.

One of the best parts of being your class secretary is the chance to reconnect after many years. I received such a wonderful letter from **Martha Yost Ridenour**. Hers is an inspiring personal narrative: she regained her vision that was nearly destroyed by macular degeneration, thanks to her faith, support of friends, and the wonders of modern pharmacology. Martha has established dance studios at Pikeville Coll. in honor of her daughter, Suzanne, who passed away in '94.

I wasn't exactly inundated with responses to my questionnaire, so the answers I received were especially gratifying. Many of you are grateful for an excellent liberal arts education, the support of husbands, children and friends, the beauty of nature, good health, and active careers. I particularly appreciated (and share) **Nell Orand Beck**'s gratitude for "children and step-children who still speak to me."

We still hope for more travel, maybe to SBC (**Marge Levine Abrams**), the Southwest (**Nancy Hamel Clark**), even a cruise around the world (**Peggy Nelson Harding**). Other hopes: "to clean up my farm" (**Helen Graves Stahmann** in Toowamba West, Australia), to "find a partner to share these years with (**Binji**, formerly **Harriet Thayer Elder**), "a grandchild" (**Jackie Razook Chamandy**), "to keep my wits" (**Laura Radford Goley**), and "to go before everyone thinks it's a blessing" (**Frances Street Smith**).

My hope is to hear from you.

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I've only heard from 2 people since the last notes, so that's all you get! Don't you feel guilty?! But I found something that I had misplaced that had been for my previous column:

Bev Smith Bragg sent me a nice tribute to **Jan O'Neal Gould**. I had always thought she was English, but actually she married an Englishman and her family was American from the beginning. They were the founders of Nashville, and 2 of her ancestors were governors of AL. Bev's family and Jan's had been friends for 150 yrs. Bev had visited Jan a few months before Jan died. We hope to meet Bev's long-time friend and new husband at our 60th next year. I'm not sure of when they married, but although they sent no invitations the church was full, and the minister said that since they had 93 yrs of happy marriage between them, he had no advice to offer! They went to Europe to celebrate Mozart's 300th in the cities of Salzburg, Prague, Vienna, and Budapest for their honeymoon. They had their 1st anniversary in Tunisia.

Logan Bentley Lessaro has returned to the States to live after more than 25 yrs in Italy. She is getting a house near her nephew, who is stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC. She is staying with his in-laws here in Charleston, while having successful cancer surgery. She stayed a few days with us and we had a good catch-up. She sure has had an interesting life in Italy. Knows everyone!

My other report concerns **Ann Thomas Donohue**, who, following her successful back surgery, had her knees replaced.

We also received notification that our classmate **Faith Aldrich Wykoff** died 3/28/08. We'll send a letter to her family expressing our deepest sympathy. Also, her name will be listed in the alumnae magazine. Her name will be read at the alumnae memorial service during Reunion this spring.

Nothing is new with me, **Bruce Watts Krucke**, except that I gave up my partnership in my gallery to a wonderful gal who will be an asset, and although my work is there, I don't have to go to town in the worsening traffic twice a week. I'll keep the books for the gallery for a few more months till I can train someone else. I don't paint anymore, but am obsessed with photography as I mentioned in the previous notes. My lotus blossom shot was published in SC Wildlife Magazine.

Please email me any news that you might have. Trips, children and grandchildren, volunteer work, health, hobbies, accomplishments, etc. All is interesting.

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I send our sympathy and love to **Ruth Campbell VanDerPoel** whose husband, Charlie, died in Jun. after a lengthy battle with MS; and to **Mary Reed Simpson Daugette** whose husband, Forney, died at Christmastime after several years with Alzheimer's. This has been a tough year for them.

Most of you had wonderful travels this past year. **Marty Hedeman Buckingham** stayed on the continent, exploring MI and visiting children and grandchildren in WI and spending summer on Cape Cod. Traveling all over North America, Canada, Mexico, as well

as from Hawaii–New England in the U.S. kept **Joan Kells Cook** and Duncan busy, but they found time for a visit to northern India. Joan described it as colorful and rewarding, and had plans for Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic in Feb. **Jane Feltus Welch** visited Berlin with her daughter and went to England with friends. She also took her first trip to LasVegas and the Grand Canyon with her grandson (11). She had her first trip to India as **Phyllis Joyner** was about to leave for her 9th visit. Jane fell in love with India, and it's obvious that Phyl feels the same way! **Betty Byrne Gill Ware** and Hudnall included a photo of themselves in Norway. **Barbara Plamp Hunt** and George organized a cruise in the autumn from San Francisco to AK for 37 members of their parish. 11 days of beautiful scenery. George underwent successful surgery to repair an aneurysm 6 wks before the trip. They also went to Mexico in Jan. and on a Bermuda cruise with family in Nov. In Sept. and Oct. **Anne Williams Manchester** and Eli took a trip to France, Germany, and Prague, which included 2 river trips and extra time in Paris, Normandy, and Berlin.

Traveling to visit family was popular too. **Ethel Green Banta** enjoyed time with 2 of her offspring who are both located in Richmond. **Dede Crater Pearse**'s trip was for a family wedding.

My life has been peaceful and pleasant. I love my time on the Gulf Coast, which has nearly ended for the year. I had an unexpected delight in Feb. when **Frances Bell Shepherd** and Jimmy drove from Destin, where they were visiting friends, to meet me in Pensacola for lunch. It was wonderful to see them, a great visit. Many thanks to all of you who wrote to me after receiving my Christmas letter. I love seeing pictures of your grandchildren and hearing about your travels.

I was not surprised, but gratified that almost all of you mentioned the report from **Ginger Chamblin Greene**, commenting on her amazing energy and courage. Her latest report tells of a serendipitous drive through the game preserve after church on Easter Sunday. "I saw a whole HERD of elephants!—also giraffes, rhinos, wet backs of a few hippos in the lake, some zebras, an extremely regal-looking kudu, and a so-ugly-he's-cute warthog. My best day yet in the preserve." She's constructing chemistry workshops to give in 16 scattered rural high schools. We can all be proud of her accomplishments.

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Thanks to those who sent news! Meredith, Sudie, and I enjoyed going over every detail and hope the results are accurate, or nearly!

Jane Slack Sigloh has been in demand as a speaker since publication of her book, *Like Trees Walking, In the Second Half of Life* (available on Amazon) and has enjoyed connecting with SBC friends on her travels. With 3 teenagers of her 14 grandchildren, they'll raft down the Salmon River this summer. **Nancy Salisbury Spencer** enjoyed her 3 sermons at St. Paul's in Winston in Nov. Nancy told of a 50th anniversary celebration in Hendersonville, NC, given by **Catherine Lotterhos Mills** and Henry which was attended by **Carolyn Dickinson Tynes** and Bayard, **Rose Montgomery Johnston**, **Ann Stevens Allen**, **Mary Ann Hicklin Willingham** and **Betsy Meade Hastings**. It sounds like a gala affair!

Ruth Phillips Hollowell struggles with osteoporosis and has learned to walk again, is back to work, and visited Busch Gardens with her granddaughter at Christmas. Son Chase, who was at reunion with her, won the Largo C of C golf tournament in the fall, and she re-lives our reunion, the Senior Show with joy. **Karen Steinhardt Kirkbride** and Dick settled into their new 2nd home in Wagamon's West Shores, Milton, DE, and have started their writing vocations and some extra travels. Karen retired, but continues her real estate adventure with a motel and restaurant to market for '08. Their primary home is still in northern VA. Sons, Steven from VA, and Kevin and Trevor from NYC visit both spaces and classmates are also invited.

Peggy Pattillo Beckham and Bob have 4 children who each had 3, and all live in Abilene. She and Bob travel and will take a summer cruise around Italy with son John and family. One grandson enters college this fall and another is planning to marry soon.

Allison Scott Boykin Parsons and Jim moved to an "active adult" community in Glenwood, MD 3 yrs ago after 40 yrs and raising 6 children in Rockville. It was a "horrendous" project, but every Sun., 5 of the 6, plus 11 grandchildren gather for Sunday dinner which they love. She retired from her 2 part-time jobs with the National Cathedral and Hillwood Musuem, has served on the HOA Board, plays bridge, participates in book clubs, plays tennis with Jim who is taking up golf again. They manage to keep ahead of the "aging curve" in spite of Jim's knee replacements and bouts with cancer.

Mary Anne McPherson Oliver still lives in Sewanee, TN, enjoys her grandchildren, and continues to write. **Ann Stevens Allen** is creating a woodland garden near Hooper Creek, NC, with azaleas, hydrangeas, irises, and bulbs. She still drives her pony and enjoys the raucous sound of his donkey companion whenever a car comes up the drive. She invites us to her simple, quiet life for some relaxation. **Barbara Brown McFarland** was accepted as a fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and spent several days at La Costa spa. Children are fine and 2 youngest grandchildren enter college this fall.

Kay Smith Schauer tells of a great trip to Turkey with son Mike and recommends eastern Turkey and Nemrut. Nancy Ettinger Minor has a full schedule with bridge for 2–3 times each week, some tournaments, the summer nationals in Nashville, and only needs some black points to be a life master. She does some golf and volunteering. A river cruise in Germany to Amsterdam in Dec/Jan. was wintry and made sunny warm Savannah a welcome return.

Class President **Joan Broman Wright** and Jim spent Christmas in FL with daughter and family visiting relatives on the way and enjoying The Cloister on the return. In Sept., they, along with **Marty Field Fite**, **Mimi Thornton Oppenhimer**, and **Lou Galleher Coldwell**, visited Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown in the 400th anniversary of the founding. **Louisa Hunt Coker** and Mac were in Charlottesville for a football game and they shared a wonderful evening with them.

Nancie Geer Entenmann is involved in choir, Body Recall, Tai Chi, and Armchair Theatre, trips to the Toledo Museum of Art Zoo, and grandchildren. She explores the idea of a mini-reunion this spring or next fall in VA if there is interest. What do you think?

Paula Purse Pointer has retired, has a 2nd new hip, and is beading, reading, movie going and swimming. Sam has retired from the bench after 30 yrs as a U.S. district judge, joined a law firm, and plays lots of golf. They divide time between their Birmingham condo and a little house on a lake. "Even more special in '06 than our 50th reunion was the wedding of eldest son Trigg (47) to Denise Prado vonGersdorff (44) on 12/30 in Christ Church, Millwood, with a reception afterwards at Spout Run. Lilburn was litted, in wheel chair, up the one step into church, and at home lasted through pre-dinner toasts. In spite of his declining health, '07 and '08 have brought many joys: our sons carried on the family tradition at Squam Lake in 8/07 and plan for '08; Trigg became director of climate change at the State Dept. ('07); Bill continued as project architect for hospitals and in addition saw the completion ('08) of his 1st major start-to-finish public building since a wing that changed the facade of the Virginia Historical Society; Ned moved from research in neuropharmocology to NIH grants in his field and enjoys the administrative as well as the ongoing scientific portions of his work. Rob manages his one-man lobby firm (energy and the environment) so that business includes golf, skiing, shooting, and even water skiing. The achievements of their wives are, since I claim them as daughters, equally gratifying. Our grandchildren, 6 princes and 1 princess, were joined on Thanksgiving'07 by Nancy vonGersdorff Talley, christened here at Christ Church, Millwood, Mother's Day '08. Although I still write occasional newspaper pieces, I find retirement and virtual living through love more satisfying than ever I would have dreamed. Being with so many of you 2 years ago is a splendid memory."

Mary Shelton "Sudie" Moseley continued her 2 wk study course at Oxford, England for the 7th summer and thrives on English history, which is evident in her lovely home.

Meredith Smythe Grider returned from trips to Patagonia and FL. Youngest daughter Meredith married at Torch Lake, MI, on 7/7/07 on a perfect day; all 3 girls live in Louisville where both sets of twins thrive (8, 6 ½).

Norma Ann Train Ross and John have had a full year: Golden Wedding Anniversary in Jul., a year-long remodeling of their house in Middlesex, and her 50th reunion at St. Andrews U. All children, spouses, and 6 grandchildren sailed on the Norfolk Broads to celebrate the anniversary for a wonderful time. Following John's 50th reunion at London U., they fly to Capetown, Durban, and Johannesburg to see relatives, friends, and to a game farm owned by his nieces and husbands.

Davis Owen is regional volunteer leader for the celebration of MI State Day at the Washington Cathedral in May and has been working with staff and local state folks to plan the event. After that, she'll be at the h. s. graduation of her granddaughter in St. Louis.

Anne Parker "Parksie" Carroll Mulholland and Jack moved to Charlottesville, but divide their time with homes in FL and WV, playing golf all the way.

As for me, **Martha "Macie" Nichols**, life is full with trips to Providence where Henri (3), Martha, and Eric live, our biannual month in Provence, a few days in Majorca with Rob and Susana, weeks in Prince Edward Island and Chatham, MA—all with friends and/or family too. My beautiful Mama died last May at 92. I have a 2nd new knee and keep active in real estate. In May, I'll become President of the KY chapter of the Colonial Dames, which owns 2 wonderful houses in Frankfort. Robert is retired but attends CNBC daily, plays lots of golf, and checks on me! And in closing,

there are some sad notes to add. Reports are that we have lost **Mitzi Djerf deRidder**, **Joan Mossey Thomas**, **Joyce Fackiner Bliss**, **Barbara Bernhard MacLea**. These classmates have lost their husbands: **Carolyn Pannell Ross**, **Rose Montgomery Johnston**, **Sally Hyde McMillan**, and **Joyce Lenz Young**. Our heartfelt sympathy to each family—we share the loss with you. And now that we have given you all the news to date, please replenish our files with details of your lives so that our SBC thread will never end!

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The Class of 1957 is moving from 50th to 50th. Since reunion last May, 50th wedding celebrations were celebrated by a number in our class, including (but not limited to those named, because response to requests for news was undistinguished, to put it kindly) **Nannette McBurney Crowdus** and Bill; **Margery Scott Johnson** and Earl; **Flo Barclay Winston** and Charles; **Beth McMahon Tolbert** and Jimmy; **Faye Rathgeber Willis** and David; and **Marj Whitson Aude** and Fritz.

Leave it to Marj and Fritz to have the most unique celebration. They asked guests to honor their 50 yrs together with items that could be donated to charitable entities—their local food pantry and domestic abuse shelter—by bringing items featuring gold or yellow. They got Gold Medal Flour, (F) Ritz crackers, yellow towels, pots of honey; two tables full. Between their family and friends, including **Jane Campbell Englert**, her daughter and grandson, the Family Aude filled the house and most of the motels in Phelps, NY.

It is a good thing I opted for history over dentistry because if pulling teeth were as hard as pulling information from this class, I'd have failed. 65% of this class is online, 1/3 responded despite multiple requests; 50 double side and pre-stamped post cards went out, 8 replied.

For the 1st time in donkey's years we had news from **Eliza Stevens Burton** in Gerradstown, WVA; **Bess Bundy Taft** in Schenectady, NY, and **Polly Spessard Cooper** in Richmond and **Beth McMahon Tolbert** in Oklahoma City.

Liza dumped her antiques business and her 18th-Century house, was serially married and presently widowed, gave up alcohol, has 2 great-grandsons and is now writing a novel she intends to publish this year under a pseudonym, as it's going to walk on the spicy side of life. "I may not be our 'Most Outside of the Box' alumna," says Liza, but considers herself a contender. Liza invites email from "class clowns and Dismay Courtiers" to write her at *eliza@elizaburton.com*. Bess says it's too cold to go to Canada, Australia is too far, so she "acts up" with environmentalist and political activist Bill McKibben and has marched with his groups in Washington to Impeach Bush. Bess misses the indomitable Molly Ivins. So do I, Bess. Molly was a personal friend here in Austin. Beth and Jimmy turned from anniversary festivities to fighting Beth's cancer, which she says was successful and that her hair grew back in thick, thick and dark again. Polly's energies are focused on her full house of fine Bichon Frise dogs, with 6 champions under her roof, including CH PT Breeze Ring Master, who came in 4th in the entire nation at Westminster '07. Thanks to this quartet for catching us up. Where else but the Class of 1957 would you find such diverse and active persons? We know the answer, Dr. IQ.

Travel and grands, even great-grands continue to be the focus of many of our lives, but we're also active on various boards, garden clubs, and with horses and art, art, art.

Susan Ragland Abrahamson lives in the wee central FL planned community (circa 1917) of Mountain Lake, though she and Gen. Abe retain their place in Longboat Key, and a farm in MD. Susan completed a major art show and sale in Mar., had 36 paintings, sold 17. 10 were for exhibit only. The Abrahamsons live in a huge '20s house within earshot of the Bok Tower Carillon. A trip to Eastern Europe with a full house of 25 (18 between the ages of 12 and 20) was on the summer agenda.

Carroll Weitzel Rivers of Hollywood, SC and Cashiers, NC gave up her horses, but still paints; attended an exhibit opening in San Diego of her "great uncle x 4," Asher B. Durand's paintings. Uncle Asher was a well-known Hudson River School artist from the 19th Century. She and sister Sallie Gough '66 were together for the exhibit and an earlier trip to China. Carroll planned to travel with SBC to Tuscany this fall.

Our 3rd painter, **Sandra Stingily Simpson** in Birmingham continues successful with both oils and pastels. I was the lucky Christmas recipient of a small oil Sandra painted while visiting Dudley and me in ME last summer. Sandra plans to spend several wks in Camden late summer to concentrate on the beauty of New England. No fool, she took her NY family (architect son Evans, his wife and 2 sons) skiing in CO. While *they* skied, Sandra observed, hot buttered rum in hand. Sandra's 2nd son, writer Karl, continues to live in Prague, but trips regularly between the Czech Republic and AL.

We extend sincere condolences to **Sydney Graham Brady** on the death of husband Bill, 3/9/08. Sydney was completing the gigantic task of moving from their home of 41 yrs to a condo during reunion last year. Now she's simply coping, but hopes to reconnect with us very soon. If you want to send her an email, it's *brady@seminarystreet.com*. **Peggy Liebert Dobbins** still calls Callao, VA home after the death of spouse Gene last year. Peggy, along with the large and short of it—a half-breed St. Bernard and a dachshund—says she will stay put until the housing market gets better.

News from TX: **Jan Armstrong Neuenschwander** in Houston is ecstatic over the birth of a grandgirl in Mar. Being a "gran" was a huge deal for Jan, she having had her 1st daughter at 35 and that same daughter having her 1st child at the same age. Mom and baby live close to Jan, let the spoiling begin. Jan offered anniversary information re: **Faye Rathgeber**, how else would we have known? **Mary Webb Miller**, also in Houston, and husband Tom were to be in Israel in the fall, having visited both Spain and The Rock late last year. Multitasking with church and volunteer work, hearing the Met live on a local movie screen and cheering those 2nd-most-consecutive-wins Houston Rockets help complete the 24-hour cycle. **Ann Frasher Hudson** is agog over Fort Worth's *annus musicus* (well if the Queen can make up a word, so can I), with that city's symphony playing at Carnegie Hall to rave reviews; and then there was the celebration of Van Cliburn's 50th anniversary of winning the Moscow Tchaikovski piano competition. **Elayne Steele Shults** in Amarillo is fit as a fiddle, keeps a schedule that makes me want to take lots of naps, and sends the funniest emails of anyone I know. **Patricia Lodewick**, in Dallas, flitted between cruises to AK and the Dalmatian Coast and managed to win several hundred duplicate bridge master points during her visits, is my hunch. Former Texan **Virginia Marks Paget** couldn't be coaxed into a Notes response, but **Carolyn Scott Arnold** writes that she and Ginny spent a full day together last Nov. in Honolulu, and while 20 yrs had lapsed between visits, in 15 min. the years melted and it was like old times. Ginny is still in OH, at least as far as the Alumnae Association is concerned.

Speaking of Scotty, spouse Mark is recovering from a devastating fall and lengthy hospitalization and celebrated his 81st birthday with their family last Nov. Scotty had planned to be at reunion, but Mark's care took priority. **Diane Duffield Wood** planned one last trip to our 49th state with her grown up children and spouses, a trip to Kauai. Last summer Duffy had 20 aboard for a Caribbean cruise. Winter in Chicago was brutal for Duffy who turned off the snow with treks to FL, San Miguel de Allende, and AZ.

Now to the Virginia Mafia, (previously unmentioned), God bless 'em—**Nannette**, **Jody Raines Brinkley**, **Mary Landon Smith Brugh**, **Betty Murden Michaelson**, **Anne Wilson Rowe**, **Ninie Laing**, **Anne McGrath Lederer**, **Joy Peebles Massie**, **Nancy Godwin Baldwin**, **Mary Anne Wilson**, and born again Virginian **Jane Pinckney Hanahan deButts.**

Nannette is probably taking 15 min. off from SBC fundraising (don't turn your back a second), and on the road, traveled with SBC to South America, continues taking in the ballet at the Kennedy Center, lunching with The Girls at Chevy Chase Country Club at the annual Dec. session (**Jackie Ambler Cusick**, **Anne Rowe**, **Ninie**, **Suzanne Gipson Farnham**, **Judith Ruffin Anderson**, **Babs Falge Openshaw**, and **Charlotte de Serio**); vegged out in FL but couldn't wait to get home to see the 1st daffodils poking through the VA earth. Another notch in her SBC sponsored travel belt to Eastern Europe during the summer.

Jody, laconic as ever, indicated her entire activity since reunion to be a trip to Orlando for spring break with daughter Derby and her family (we know better); Joy was almost as brief, saying she was enjoying robust health and a great tennis game, and saw a grandson graduate from UVA. Nancy Baldwin had about 12 seconds of retirement before being snapped back into the fold doing the Lord's work for the alumnae association; Mary Landon welcomed a new grandson, her 10th, was looking forward to a European trip with sister Helen Smith Lewis '54 and Dorothea Fuller '53; Betty Murden took up the reins as chair of Flower Shows for the Garden Club of VA, after completing 6 wks in Africa including 16 separate safaris in visiting South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya and Egypt, then skipping to Jordan to swim in the Dead Sea and view the splendors of Petra, the Rose City.

Mary Anne Wilson still divides time between her place at SBC and living in Madrid to be near her daughter and 3 grandsons. I seldom get to see Mary Anne, but we talk on the phone frequently and email, tambien.

Ninie says between her horses, gardens, church activities, and slogging through email she has little time left, but saved a bit of space for the SBC sponsored Eastern European trip this summer. Ninie welcomes Jane Pinckney and new spouse Hunter deButts to the neighborhood. Several wrote me of the marriage, no information from Jane herself, but word is the couple will split their time between VA and Charleston. (First tipster was Chattanooga's **Anne Ford Melton** to whom I made a promise to seal my lips; Anne in turn promised I'd sleep with the fishes should I say or write anything prematurely. And I stayed very dry, thank you, Anne). All of your classmates wish you joy, health and much happiness, Jane.

Anne Rowe was the Last Hurrah for this splendid class when she finished her final term on the Board of Directors. There was sterling and substantial representation from our class over these past 50 years in service to the college. Anne was immediately nominated and is currently serving on the board for the VA Historical Society. A surprised **Babs Falge**, visiting Anne in Fredericksburg found hanging over Anne and Joe's living room mantle a studio art painting Babs completed for Eleanor Barton. Anne hoped

to get to Annapolis to attend an art exhibit Babs planned in spring.

From her country farm Anne Lederer was waiting for the return of Marine Corps son Andy, a major and reservist completing his 3rd tour in Ramadi, Iraq. Andy is one of our young men having to live with the military's Stop Loss policy. Anne's daughter and family are much closer in NY.

Charlotte, our presidente, keeps her travel shoes polished, spends time in FL, was in South America with SBC, and was destined for another college tour to Eastern Europe, as were Nannette and Ninie. Isn't it loverly to think of Charlotte doing the Westie Walk daily, making sure her Bonnie and son Bill's Minnie get their exercise? Fellow part-time Floridian, **Cynnie Wilson** was another of the South America crowd, spent time in the Caribbean, made it to Daytona's NASCAR races and booked Normandy for summer. Cynnie is dipping her toe in the climate change waters, so to speak. Removed her grass and covered the area with pine straw and urges one and all to NEVER use cypress mulch (there are lots of good substitutes and the old rot and termite hardy cypress mulch is a thing of the past anyhow).

From down South comes word from **Ruth Ellen Green Calhoun**; **Sallie Lane Burdette** and **Marguerite McDaniel Wood**. Ruth Ellen keeps the Natchez Spring Pilgrimage function up to par and takes delight in the fact that grandgirl Callie, daughter Ruthie's girl child is attending W&L this fall (Callie was indoctrinated at an early age attending her parents' law school reunions); Sallie Lane is coping with her husband's '07 stroke in Louisville and was fortunate to find an excellent driver to take them around; Marguerite's travel bug keeps biting, taking her from Montgomery, AL, to London, Charleston, and maybe to Atlanta for a visit with **Enid Slack**. She's also involved with the National Association of the Colonial Dames, serving both state and national offices.

Respondents from NC found **Chris Smith Lowry** saying she and Britt were "just keepin' on keepin' on," a response so low key, it's hard to believe; **Dot Duncan Hodges** recounted a stay in Tours, France where she did the driving—a diesel with standard transmission—and stayed lost a chunk of time despite having spent 6 wks in that city on the Loire. Well come on, it was a few years ago. Dot's adventures are a highlight in the annual request for news. **Margery Scott Johnson** and Earl, **Flo Barclay Winston** and Charles decided to celebrate their 50th anniversaries on the aerial highway and in substantially less time than Philaes Fogg. Their 20-something days by jet around the world left each with health problems, from which each is recovering and does want to focus on.

Margery and Earl report a deliriously wonderful Back to Africa trip. Trip One was in '70, Margery and Earl; Trip 2 was in '75, Margery, Earl and their kids; Trip Three was in '07, again, Margery and Earl, their offspring, their spouses and 7 grands (7–18). They tented in Amboseli and the Masai Mara, used the same travel firm for all 3 trips and the vibes were 100% harmonious for the entire trip.

Flo, a small, successful surgery notwithstanding, returned to Raleigh, and she and Charles took 14 family members to their beach home, Figure 8, for Easter and hosted the Mother of All Easter Egg Hunts. About 60 kids in the 200 or so at the hunt, which featured 900 eggs. Realizing it's not environmentally correct, one hopes a bunch of those eggs were plastic or chocolate. Flo and Charles planned to take Clan Winston to AK on a cruise over the summer. Late word: Flo and Charles and assorted members of la familia flew to San Antonio only to see NC defeated, then added insult to injury that plane problems kept them in the Alamo City for an extra day. Flo did get to have a meal with her freshman roommate, **Lucille Winerich Pipes**. Condolences to Lucille, whose husband, William, died in Feb. However, Lucille was blessed with a grandgirl and namesake, which we hope helps mitigate the loss of her spouse.

One for the record books: can anyone imagine using hogs and bandbox **Day Gibson Kerr** in the same sentence? In the olden days this would be a Stop Press Item. Day and spouse Whitney have been battling creation of a 4,800 mega hog farm in their beloved MO village of Arrow Rock, established 1829 and bearing a National Historic Landmark Village designation. Day and Whitney restored an 1849 home in the village located about 100 mi. from Kansas City. We wish you well in your battle, Day and hope you emerge victorious and hogless.

From CA, **Lainy Newton Peters** supports spouse Gregg in his long standing fight with Parkinson's. Lainy is especially proud of astronomer son Mark Dickerson who was recently tenured at the National Optical Astronomy Observatory in Tucson. She took some time for herself to cruise with Cunard and looked forward to a trip later this year to Holland and Germany. Our other CA respondent, **Dagmar Halmagyi Yon** escaped the wind driven fires that devastated San Diego County last winter, though she and companion Bud were evacuated. Dagmar and Bud returned from a cruise in the Hawaiian Islands with an unwelcome guest, the bug or virus that causes Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, which pretty well knocked Bud down for months. Dagmar says the CA climate is hard to beat, but when spring starts, her VA roots long for dogwood, redbuds, and rhododendrons.

Jane Rather Thiebaud, make that Dr. Jane Rather Thiebaud (having completed her doctorate at U.ME last spring) is back in Geneva, where she lived for more than 30 yrs. She spent wks early this year "re-energizing" at an Ayurvedic Center in India. Jane and I finally met up last summer in ME for wonderfully stimulating conversations over coffee and eggs at a funky little roadhouse halfway between our 2 homes. Jane and I fell into the 17th Century, France and England; she filled me in on the Marquise de Rambouillet (her doctoral subject) creator of the famed Blue Salon. I countered with English civil war stories, censorship and Dread Oliver Cromwell. The locals and lobstermen tolerated us. 2 crazies from "away."

The alumnae listing listed **Stella Moore McClintock** as residing in Vero Beach, FL, which caused me grave concern. PA was home, but it was hard to conjure Stella out of Andover, MA or the Cape Cod area. It was reassuring to learn that Stella and Jock are migratory for the time frame Jan.–Apr. and then back to the land of John Hancock. Our Lady of the Ferragamo Travel Shoes, **Jane Fitzgerald Treherne-Thomas** reassured me that Stella hadn't bailed. Jane and Best Friend Bill had dinner with Stella and Jock early this year, in Vero Beach. The Ferragamos earlier skipped to Venice about which Jane rhapsodized her communes with the shades of Monteverdi and Vivaldi, to name a couple of her musical heroes. Then it was off to cruise one side of Italy and then the other, ending in Roma. Jane missed the Chevy Chase luncheon, but says it's on her calendar for 12/8/08.

The mea culpa chorus, composed of **Baba Conway Debicki** and **Lou Wallace Wilemon**, reported after Notes were writ and emailed, but kindly editor Colleen Murray '06 granted me a few more inches. Lou, still in CA, sent a "Whoops, I'm late," then confessed she had won the CA Lottery (April Fool). Glad to have word from Lou who had to cancel her trip to reunion because had given her too much medicine and Lou's daughters were worried about a long solo flight; Baba, writing from KS, planned a driving trip to points north and east, hoping to see former classmates en route. It wasn't clear whether this was a permanent move, or whether she will return to the Land of Oz.

In the last shall be first category, I saved news that our eminent classmate, earliest board member, Distinguished Alumnae, **Anna "Chips" Chao Pai** was to have delivered the commencement address to the Class of '08. Betsy Muhlenfeld, honorary member of this class and a very clever girl, invited Chips knowing she could inspire a group of upward bound young women. Chips continues traveling, another trip to Africa with a grandgirl (14), spent some time in a genuine bush camp, no running water or electricity, took a niece to France and was, with David, part of the SBC group in South America. And at the end of it all, Chips has literally thousands of first-class photographs to make it all real again and again.

As for your cranky Class Secretary, Dudley and I will complete late spring our 3-yr journey across Europe by waterway from the North Sea to the Black Sea, a journey predicated on a 19th Century book I read at SBC called *Sailing Across Europe*. My instinct then is to call it quits with the Old World, and focus on wonderful wilderness trips available in the USA and Canada. Dudley and I were goggle-eyed at the Canadian polar bears in Nov., will stay out of the grizzlies way late summer in AK and have booked a Jan. trip to watch the wolves at Yellowstone. Then there are seals in Labrador to be seen, Canadian or Alaskan Northern Lights in monster in display, many, many good things and so easily available. My nearly 30-hr trip home from Hell and Heathrow Airport after a wonderful study course at Oxford last summer made me ask: WHY? As long as I can put Dudley on a flight to ME, then drive my dog Breeze to Camden each summer and beat the heat, AND watch critters in their natural habitat, there's little attractive about a ton of hours in a flying pipe, a pitiful dollar and languages I don't comprehend.

Word of honor: if each of you reading this set of Notes pledge to send news next time around, I pledge to be the happiest Class Secretary ever.

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From Durham, NC, **Judy Barnes Agnew** reports that she spends time reading, playing bridge, and visiting grandchildren in Atlanta and NYC. **Jane Allan** is happy in Ormond Beach, FL. **Ginger Newman Blanchard** and Bob are now Florida residents, but still visit VA and NJ. They took a trip on *The Sea Cloud* to the Baltic to play golf. She's taking Spanish lessons so she can communicate with her AFS grandchildren in Buenos Aires. In Sept., **Ann Smith Bretscher** and Bob celebrated their 46th anniversary at their home in Athens, GA. In winter, **Nina Wilkerson Bugg** and Bill enjoyed a cruise that departed from Chile and took them around Cape Horn and north to Buenos Aires. They were enthralled with

the penguins, sea lions, and icebergs in Antarctica. **Isabel Ware Burch** continues to live in Williamsburg, VA. She's on the vestry of Bruton Parish Church. She travels to Philadelphia, PA, to visit her 2 sons and 4 grandchildren. **Sue Styer Cahill** and I communicate almost daily with emails about animals, especially horses. She and Ed spent most of Feb. in Myrtle Beach, FL. **Winkie Wimbish Chalfant** and Ed live in Pointe Vedra Beach, FL, where he's on the staff of Christ Church. They love biking, walking, golfing, kayaking, reading, bridge, and volunteering. **Lee Cullum** hosts *CEO*, a series of TV interviews with business leaders for the PBS station in Dallas-Fort Worth. She also does radio commentaries for the NPR station in north TX and contributes columns to the Dallas Morning News. She sits on the boards of several organizations dealing with international studies and is a senior fellow at the Tower Center for Political Studies at SMU.

In winter, **Ellie Crosby Erdman** visited Austria and Spain where she inhaled great opera performances and concerts. She and David live in ME and visit the 9 grandchildren they "share." In Feb., **Lucy Martin Gianino** played the leading role in a production of *Doubt* in Syracuse, NY. We have the joy of sharing 2 grandchildren as my son married her daughter, Gemina. We spend precious time together on Fire Island, NY, where Lucy and husband Jack have a house. He is Production Stage Manager for the Women's Project in Manhattan; her other daughter, Antonia, is stage manager for the Lion King, and son Gian-Murray is an actor. Last Jul., **Nancy Corson Gibbes** took a trip to Turkey. Her jaunt included a home stay, hikes, sightseeing on a gullet (converted fishing boat), and a hot air balloon ride. In the fall she traveled to Croatia; she's not sitting still!

Barbara Murphy Hale and Phil finished building a house on the eastern shore of MD. They love the area and all its flora and fauna. She's involved in her church and community activities. **"A" Massie Hill** enjoys her activities in Atlanta, GA. **Patricia Russell Howard** will celebrate her 70th birthday by taking a trip to England and France in Jun.. She loves to tour battlefields, cemeteries, and memorials of WW I. At home, she draws and paints full time. **Heidi Wood Huddleston** and retired husband Joe split their time between Hilton Head, SC, and Bowling Green, KY. Last fall they took a marvelous trip to Spain where they stayed with an old friend from h. s. Then, they rented a car and drove along the northern coast, staying in Spain's beautiful paradores, and ended up in Barcelona. **Gwen Speel Kaplan** moved to Richmond, VA, in Nov. to be close to her daughter there. She's also not far from her son in McLean, VA. Thanks to computers, she works remotely part time.

So nice to hear from one of my senior SBC suitemates **Min Ho Kwaan**! She lives in Palo Alto, CA, and travels to Asia at least twice a year, always starting and ending her trips with a visit in Hong Kong. **Jane Riddle Lancaster** and John have the travel bug. In fall, they rented a house in Italy for a week; then cruised to French Polynesia. In Feb. they took a cruise from Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro. They'll spend summer in the NC mountains. Both **Ann Crowell Lemmon** and **Nina Wilkerson Bugg** participated in the annual Living Room Learning study sponsored by the Atlanta SBC club. This year, the 2-mo. program focused on southern women writers. From Santa Fe, NM, **Peggy Cook Lunt** writes that a year ago she and husband David took a memorable trip to Israel. Crossing through between Israel and Palestine is an experience she will not forget. In Jul. they reveled in the tradition of a 4th of July parade in Bristol, RI, where her 2 sisters live.

Last summer, **Maline Gilbert McCalla** had several receptions and signings for a book entitled *Cossio del Pomar in San Miguel de Allende*. This is her translation of the memoirs of Cossio del Pomar, a painter, writer, historian, educator, and political leader. He was largely responsible for transforming San Miguel, TX, from a dusty village in the 1930s into a vibrant arts center. He's the founder of the Universitaria de Bellas Artes and a co-founder of the Instituto Allende. Her motivation was to make his memoirs available to the non-Spanish reading public. Maline, who is a practicing artist, earned a MFA from the Instituto in '03. **Lee Cullum** hosted a reception for her in Dallas in Oct.. **Betsy Buechner Morris** and Monty spend 3–4 mo. a year on the sea. This past winter, their Gulfstar 39 sloop took them from FL to Brazil. When not on board, they reside in Marblehead, ME. **Linda Sims Newmark** and Bob spent time in their CO home where she sees **Mary Anne Claiborne Johnston**. They plan to return to spend time in Salem SC. Bob has been a patient at M.D. Anderson in Houston TX for almost 5 yrs. Their visits sometimes coincide with those of **Tucky McFall Ziebold** and John, as she too is receiving treatments there. Recently, I had a pleasant lunch with **Carol Barnard Ottenberg**, whose mother lives in a retirement home in my area. She and noted anthropologist husband Simon live in Seattle, WA, and spend summers in ME. It's wonderful to reconnect with someone after 48 yrs! **Liz Few Penfield** and Teddy Hill still live in New Orleans where they volunteer and help the economy by eating in restaurants. This spring they took a trip to Antarctica; Liz said that they figured they better go before all the ice melts! **Patti Powell Pusey** wrote from Boca Grande, FL, where she and Bill spend 7 winter wks. They took a trip to Brazil last summer and another to South Africa in Mar.

Elizabeth "B" Schwab Stephen has fallen in love in her golden years and will marry in Charlevoix, MI, in Aug.

From SC, **Ellen Pringle Read** sees a lot of **Louise Jenkins Maybank** and also enjoyed visits with **Jane Ellis Covington** and **Ary Jane Lotterhos Lyle**. **Mary Laird Silvia** took a cruise to Central America and Bermuda and another from Tahiti to Fiji. She concludes with "isn't retirement wonderful." **Rhett Ball Thagard** is crazy about their new condo in Birmingham, AL; no yard work! **Sally Underhill Viault** and Birdsall are thrilled that his *Modern European History* is in its 20th printing. It found a good market with Advanced Placement students and is available at Amazon, where it has received excellent reviews. He previously published 3 other history books and has been supported and aided by his able wife! **Jane Tatman Walker** wrote from Sarasota, FL, where she and Frank spend the winter. She described a trip to several Caribbean islands en route to the Panama Canal and then to Costa Rica, where they experienced the adventure of hanging from a zip line as it took them down a mountain from a height of 4000 ft. Jane says there will not be a repeat of this feat! **Winnie Ward** loves NH where she and her husband savor the out-of-doors and the area offers. She's involved with the Historical Society, a conservation committee, and a local amateur theater. They love to hike and did so last year in Bhutan. This year their spring trip took them to Maho Bay on St John, VI. **Dotty Westby** and Jerry Farquhar flew in their Aztec out to CO and WY last fall to visit children. This spring they traveled on the boat *Watchout* to the Bahamas, where they plan to stay until Sept. **Gail Hayman Wilson** has no trouble adjusting to retirement. She and her husband spent winter in Kiawah, SC, where she visited with **Dottie Barnwell Kerrison** living in Charleston. **Tucky McFall Ziebold** has been battling ill health for quite some time. This spring, when doctors decided to give her a break from chemo, she and John took advantage of the respite by taking a cruise from Fort Lauderdale to the Panama Canal, several islands and Costa Rica and then back to FL. I, **Lura Coleman Wampler**, continue to keep too busy with flower shows, judging horticulture, church activities, my school alumni board, tutoring chemistry students and, best of all, my 6 grandchildren. 2 of the latter live in Greenville, SC, so I hope to see some of our classmates who are in that area. Next spring, my article will take a very different tack. Since we have reached the stage where many of us are traveling, I would like each of you to describe (2–3 sentences) a memorable trip, however humble or fancy, that you would recommend to the rest of us. Please take the initiative to write/email me so I can include your selection. Love to all!

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There's quite a bit of Good News. Keepin' up with several of us is **FeeFee Mathews Tingley**, who reports that **Mary Denny Scott Wray** and **Emily Fitzhugh** trekked through the flora of Costa Rica late last winter. FeeFee enjoys life in Wilmington, NC, especially the Easter visit from part-time neighbors **Ruth Jones Bassett** and Charley. Ruth and Charley are repairing their Martinsville, VA home after a basement fire last fall that caused extensive damage. No one was hurt. FeeFee and Charley spent Mar. sailing aboard a 65' Swan through the Grenadines with an Austrian Captain and his Turkish cook: "Fabulous food, wine, and snorkeling in those blue Caribbean waters." They enjoyed the ACC basketball Tourney, even though Charley's UVA team lost in the 1st round.

Chloe Lansdale Pitard says "retirement is a wonderful way of life." She still "goes to work" every day, just doing different, i.e. unpaid, things.

Back in Apr., **Celia Williams Dunn** attended the Friends of Art Board meeting at SBC, a group which she feels is very important to the coll. Celia Dunn Realty continues to expand around Savannah and the SC coast.

On Sat. before Christmas, **Janna Staley Fitzgerald** married Hans O. Tiefel, retired professor emeritus of religion and ethics. She's keeping Fitzgerald as her name. They live in Williamsburg, VA, both are avid gardeners.

Judy Harris Cutting and Tom celebrated their 50th anniversary and are grateful for their health. They drove to Madison, WI, to spend Christmas with both children and 5 grands. Son Sam (41) and a Davidson grad, is a senior economist there with a small consulting firm. The snow was as tall as she, but a unique experience for all, especially the grand triplets from Dallas who'd never seen or tasted snow so high nor temps so low. Her assignment for the 2 wks was to produce the evening meal for 10, which got her "out of the way and deemed useful." They attended a family wedding in Fort Smith, AR, and while there, purchased a 2nd home to enjoy a few times a year for Razorback games and family gatherings. It's her husband's home town, which he left at 18 and to which he is returning part time. Judy's not ready to give up Richmond. The KS Legislature still concerns **Alicia Laing Salisbury**. In Apr., she and John flew to San Antonio to cheer on the U. KS in the Final Four, fond as she is of her NC friends. In May, she traveled to Taiwan representing

the Republican National Committee, a trip sponsored by a Taiwanese economic and cultural group. She's busy on the committee for the Republican Convention in Sept., and on Sen. McCain's KS campaign.

Two more travelers are **Suzanne Carr Fitzgerald** and Michael. In Mar., the South Pacific, returning home for their usual St. Patrick's Day dinner party, then a visit from daughter Claiborne to participate in their club's member/guest golf tournament. In May, a MS River cruise. Now, they're readying themselves for a visit to Russia and Scandinavia. Happy trails to all.

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Fran Early is still involved with the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, which promoted the passing of the MA breakthrough healthcare law. The group is responsible for encouraging neighborhood parents to participate in fostering child safety from urban crime. To hear an interview with Fran online visit: *http://www.congregationalresources.org/InterviewEarly.asp*. She's finding evangelical churches, many immigrant ones, very supportive of her causes. She has also spent 6 wks in Panajachel polishing her Spanish.

Brooke Hamilton Mackinnon and I agree on the "hard copy" for communication, tried and true. She and Gillis love living in Cashiers, NC, with many SBC connections. Gillis' 3 children are married with 5 collective grandchildren. Hunter is a bachelor in Birmingham, with a film production company. Everyone will be in CO with Gillis' family in Aug., then on to Glacier National Park. They had all of Brooke's family (80+) last Jul. with the mountains as a perfect backdrop. Brooke loves everything and everybody concerning SBC. She belongs to 5 book groups and sees all new literary fine arts movies. "Haven't changed much," she says.

Willie Ann "Puddin" Newbury Lansing and Warner still enjoy Boca Raton in their continuing care retirement community. She "hasn't cooked in 9 yrs." (My type of gal!) They're taking a Thanksgiving cruise in celebration of Warner's 90th birthday with his children. She bought a townhome in Versaille, KY, where they hope to spend several months in the Bluegrass … and back in the kitchen.

Mary Stekettee MacDonald drove 10,000 mi. to meet friends and family and visit Glacier National Park, OR, and Yosemite. After a visit to Chautauqua, NY, with her sisters, she traveled on an Elderhostel program to Greece. She went to FL for a short trip, then worked before a week-long ski trip to Whistler. Obviously, she hasn't slowed down a bit.

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These notes won't be read until long after our 45th Reunion is over. Much of the news I've received has to do with who is coming to Reunion and who unfortunately cannot—at the moment quite a few of us are anticipating spending that time together. Everyone put May of 2013 on your calendars right now in indelible ink and plan to attend our (gasp!) 50th Reunion!

The highlight for us this time will be the presentation of our own **Betty Stanly Cates** as the year's Outstanding Alumna. We'll honor her with a picnic Fri. night and applaud her and hear her response Sat. morning. So it's appropriate to start with her news which is, as usual, doing good works for SBC. She held her annual SB Event in Vero Beach, 2/13/08. President Muhlenfeld was present; Prof. Tracy Hamilton gave a lecture at the Vero Beach Museum of Art; and Betty entertained over 40 people for cocktails following the lecture. Earlier this month Betty had dinner with **Nancy Caldwell Briggs** and Bobby and **Betty Noland Caravati** and Charlie. She planned to spend Easter in Jacksonville and visit with **Meta Bond Magevney.**

Class President **Stevie Fontaine Keown** is hard at work on our Reunion plans with one small hitch—her daughter will produce her 2nd grandchild either right before, during, or after Reunion! Stevie says "I told her her timing was terrible!" Stevie is not the only grandmother-to-be. **Rinda King deBeck** is expecting her 5th grandchild in Sept., but this will be the 1st for her son Christian, a surgeon in Wilmington. **Betsy Parker McColl** is thrilled that daughter Eliza is expecting her 1st in Sept. Betsy says: "When we got the happy news I rushed right out and bought a "how-to" book for grandparents and hope I will pass the test!" Betsy ran into **Punch Harris Wray** and **Anne Leavell Reynolds** and their husbands at the National Cathedral in Mar.

Lea Osborne Angell is up to 6 grands now, 5 boys and 1 girl. Sadly Lea cannot come to Reunion as she had a hip replaced in Dec. and the other is scheduled for Apr. She promises to be at our 50th "totally bionic, 2 knees and 2 hips." She anticipates a move to RI in May. Another who can't make it is **Cathy Detmar Nicholls**. She'll have just returned to the UK after visiting her daughter in Berkeley, CA, but she has sent a fabulous contribution for our Reunion scrapbook.

You grandmothers are pikers! **Julia Arnold Morey** and Russ are expecting their 3rd *great-grandchild* in Aug! They continue lots of volunteer work in their home town of Lewes, DE, and are active in curtailing rampant and poorly planned development. They won a major victory to prevent a regional shopping center on the outskirts of their historic little town. Julia says "The 'people' can still be heard!"

Julia expects to be at Reunion as does **Ann Funkhouser Strite-Kurz** who has been spending time in FL. **Keitt Matheson Wood** and Frank will visit their old haunts in Paris, TX, in early May with a stopover in Irving to see Heinz and me, and then she's off to Reunion. Her roommate will be **Margaret Millender Holmes** who says she has started riding again and "hopes to see the campus from the back of a horse."

Lyn Clark Pegg reports: "Our family's focus on Latin America has become more personal this year with the birth of our grandson in Bogota, Columbia, and in Mar. I'll visit our son and his family there. My ongoing fascination with Nicaragua continues by leading another Witness for Peace delegation to Isla Ometepe in June." **Katherine Haskell Subramanian** spent 9 days in Ecuador in Feb. at an essential oils training program. She took a bus trip from Quito to Guayaquil, saw parts of the countryside. Next on her list is the Galapagos. Katherine still teaches classes in medical essential oils and sings with a choral group. **Jane Yardley Amos** and John had a wonderful trip to Chile, Argentina, and Brazil in Jan. The high point was crossing the lakes from Chile to Bariloche, Argentina. **Lynn Carol Blau** and Jeffery divide their time between West Hartford, CT, where Jeffery is expanding his Radiology practice and their NYC apt. They returned from an exciting trip to Macchu Pichu.

Ginger Cates Mitchell had a wonderful "adventure" to Egypt and Jordan last winter. She and Ed spend time at their 2nd home in Spring Island, SC, and saw a number of other alumnae there. **Jane Goodridge** and George left 4/11 for a 2-wk Mediterranean cruise on the *Seabourn Pride*. Jane is hard at work raising funds for our Reunion gift. **Jean Meyer Aloe** will be in Paris at a poetry writing workshop in May. She's halfway to an M.A. in creative writing. **Sallie Yon Williams** spent 3 mo. last winter in Switzerland during which time her son Courtney and wife Nazli became the parents of Mehmet Emyr Williams. She'll return to Verbier in Jul. for the music festival there where she serves on the board of the American Friends of the Festival. 5 of her books will be on display at the Alumnae Book Exhibit during Reunion.

Lisa Wood Hancock spent the first 4 mo. of the year working for H&R Block doing other people's taxes! She and Pete together with her sister Katie Wood Clarke '65 and husband Dick Clarke anticipate a trip to AK in Aug. Finally, Heinz and I (**Allie Stemmons Simon**) will cruise the Norwegian fjords in late Jun.–early Jul., then back to CO for the rest of the summer. But first.. Reunion!

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Virginia "VM" Del Greco Galgano writes, "The loveliest SBC thing I've done is to see friends. I met Ginny, **Anne Day Herrmann** and **Anne Litle Poulet** in NYC for a mini reunion. I want everyone's tips on retirement." And so she does. There I was, 30 days into retirement, and VM wanted to know "everything." Well, you'll find "the scoop" here VM. We both were asking "How could our 45th Reunion be in just over a year?" Please save the dates May 24–26, 2009. (Yes, if necessary, change the wedding dates!). I, Ginny, am free of my NY commute, enjoying myself. I celebrated my birthday with roommate Milbrey Sebring Raney '65 and family in their "green" house in Austin, and will be off to NM and CO soon. For the record, the cake had a 6 on it.

Anne Poulet still enjoys work as director of the Frick Collection. I see Anne Herrmann between travels and enjoy stories of the students she tutors. **Ashton Barfield** reports: "As for retirement, I've found that it keeps changing (and so do I), but that it's all wonderful. Like most retirees, I'm so busy I can hardly see straight and wonder how I found time to work! I keep in regular touch with **Donna Josey** in NYC when she's not in Jackson Hole, WY. She's well, still beautiful and has a darling little girl. Donna, of course, is ageless so she can handle it." **Jean Walker Campbell** has been married 32 yrs to John Campbell, recently retired from Goldman Sachs. They have 2 daughters and 2 grandsons. Jean is pursuing a career as an actress, most recently as Mrs. Alving in Ibsen's *Ghosts*, one of the wonderful roles she has had in NYC Off-Broadway Theater. Excerpts from a review by David Stallings read: "…Jean Walker delivers and then some…From the moment she walked on stage, the audience believed every word she uttered, and was concerned for her fragile self…At times, the audience forgets she is an actress, as she affected no airs, but rather played the part with heart. It is always a relief when the lead proves to be the scene-stealer, for no one could take their eyes off of Ms. Walker." Congratulations are in order to **Tina Patterson Murray** who completed the (500 page) dissertation required for her Ph.D. "Both Renee, my daughter, and I completed our Ph.D. at Fordham U. in the language, literacy and learning program. I'll continue to teach at John Jay Coll. in the communications skills dept. that will be combined with the speech and theatre dept. This should

be no surprise to those who remember my interests at SBC! Renee and Brad had a baby girl, Farrah Renee Tobin, in Oct. Now I have 3 beautiful granddaughters, all 5 yrs and under. I spend free time with a friend I met in Sun Valley almost 3 yrs ago who has his own business in D.C. This brings me from NY to Kilmarnock, at the Northern Neck of VA, where he has a country home on the water. At Sun Valley, ID, I ski on Baldy Mt. with a pass that broadcasts "I'm a senior." Skiing in Chile in Jul., I'm counting on being a secret senior. See you at the next reunion!" **Nancy Lynah Hood** and husband enjoy their Oxford penthouse. "The 1st year we ate out on the terraces overlooking the Mill Stream and St George's Tower every night in Jun. and Jul. This year we watched it rise and rise in the floods, but were spared. Roger has more work in China, so we'll go back several times this year. Last year we went to the Summer Palace in Chengde, Buddhist caves in Datong, Shanghai, Hangzhou, and Suzhou, traveling between trips. I'm going to Italy to finish looking at the works of my artist, Giovanni Antonio Bazzi, known as Il Sodoma (yes) in Siena and Florance. Soon, it'll be time to look for a publisher! Needless to say, retirement, no mortgage and downsized, is great! Oxford is a great centre for visiting London. Those over 60 (even visitors!) get cheap bus fare to London (about $10), with frequent service all night." **Clarita deKont Bhat** is contemplating retirement after teaching this spring. "In the future, I might teach online-hybrid chemistry courses. I tried that for the 1st time this term (it's a lot of work!). Students still come to school to take exams and do the lab. Philosophically, I don't like online science courses, but decided to try it. My husband is retired; we plan to move to a smaller place. We drive 4 hrs to Portland, OR, to babysit our 2 darling grandsons (both the parents are doctors, never home). My other daughter and son-in-law live in Seattle (she works for a Biotech company; he's getting a pharmacy degree from U. Washington). Free time is spent learning Italian, Sanskrit (yes, it's a sheer challenge), running, cross-country skiing in winter, and spending time with family. I'm involved with our local ACS chapter and am alternate councilor and chair of the education committee. **Lee Daughtridge Turner** says: "I could retire age-wise, but I'm having WAY TOO much fun working as program assistant to the women's gymnastics coaches and team (U. of FL at Gainsville). It keeps body and brain chugging at warp speed for a person resigned to Medicare! This job combines the opportunity to work with intelligent, talented women with the benefit of attending exciting sport events—the best of both worlds. Tops is being "Nana" to daughter Jenna's Ava (3) and Maddox (1). Whee!" **Lynn Youngs Esmay** and Dick celebrated her social security birthday in Umbria, Amalfi Coast, and Sicily in 9/07; "this summer we'll be home at Lake George, enjoying visits from our children and grandchildren, including my 3 grandsons from France. Dick and I have enjoyed having **Dottie Norris Schipper** and Jan (from Greenville, SC) visit us in Naples. We seem to have more time to reach across the miles and get together now that our children are grown and have families of their own." As **Mimi Couch Teschner** reports: "Old roomies Lynn, **Ann Sims Fauber**, and Mimi were hosted by **Susan Bronson Croft** in 10/07 at her homes in Atlanta and Lake Burton, GA. She gathered an additional SBC '64 group one evening: Lynn, Ann, Susan, Mimi, **Nancy Hall Green**, **Harriet Houston Schaffer**, and **Jane Bradley Wheeler**. An engaging time for all: everyone active, involved, and looking terrific at 65! I still work in fundraising as director of development for the Aspen Music Festival and School, retirement an elusive goal. Feel privileged, however, to have spent almost 40 yrs in a remarkable community. Aspen's small-town mountain attractions, coupled with larger international endeavors, continue to inspire." **Dottie Norris Schipper** says "yes, Lynn is as beautiful as ever." I see **Caroline Keller Theus** every summer in the mountains. She's in great shape and can hike up vertical mountains without a break. I stayed with **Harriet Houston Shaffer** in Atlanta for one of my ballroom dance competitions. Much to the amusement of friends and grandchildren, I have enough false eyelashes and beaded costumes to open a store. Great glamorous fun, this ballroom dancing, and good exercise. I still take photographs, and am involved with The Nature Conservancy. **Stephanie Stokes** finds: "it's hard to retire when you've spent 25 yrs building a business and a name, so after turning down one job offer and one merger offer, I decided to keep my business going as I have fantastic commissions, including work on an apt. in the (renovated) Plaza hotel. I did reduce space to reduce costs and am managing to travel about 4 months a year. I've been published in 3 magazines so far in '08 including the Robb Report. I spent a month in Egypt and will be in southern France and Saltzberg for 6 wks in the heat of the summer. My clients offer me exceptional challenges. So why retire? **Diane Hatch** hasn't had the best year, but we expect Brodie, her 4-legged companion (8), to set things right in time for reunion. **Dona Van Arsdale Jones** celebrated her son's marriage "to a great girl in Breckenridge, CO, 7/07. They live in Denver where Tim finished his MBA and works for Price Waterhouse. My daughter Emily, who lives near us, is getting her Ph.D. in health policy in Washington while working full time for a D.C. think tank. Carleton semi-retired this year; we enjoy traveling and a new boat!"

Kitty Griffith and Mike, retired in Fearrington Village in NC says she's "more busy than I was when I was working. I'm secretary of the county Democratic Party and write about politics for a local newspaper, The Chatham County Line. No complaints, except it's too hot here in the summer, so we take off for ME in Aug." While painting, gardening, enjoying grandsons, and being a docent at the Sackler museum, **Marsh Metcalf Seymour** travels. "Jack, son Randle, and I took a wonderful self-designed trip along the Silk Road to the far western area of Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Province and worked our way back, taking in Muslim, Tibetan Buddhist, and Daoist architecture and art. We saw beautiful places, from alpine lakes to the 2nd lowest place on earth (temperature: 115 degrees F.), ending this part of the trip at the Labrang Monastery in Gansu Province. Then we visited the coastal area near Hangzhou, Suzhou, and Shanghai, with a side trip to the imperial kiln sites at Jingdezhen. For my 65th, my men let me spend an entire day in the Shanghai Museum, and then they took me to a "fusion" restaurant in the old French concession. This was our 3rd visit in China, and the best because it was just the 3 of us, plus guide and driver. *La vie est belle, n'est-ce pas?*" **Libby Kopper Scholleart** went to China for 2 wks "for the 100th anniversary of the founding by my grandfather (Dr. Claude Marshall Lee), a medical missionary, of a hospital in Wuxi (near Shanghai). It was St.Andrew's Hospital, is now People's Hospital #2. Our trip included a visit beforehand to Beijing, Xian, Guilin, and Shanghai. I won a competition for 3 wks in Switzerland and Belgium this summer, for French teachers. I'll be in Geneva, then Liege, Belgium. Then 1 more yr as a French teacher! **Mary Fitzhugh Miller** sends "Greetings from Burkina Faso (West Africa). Retirement is great and especially the travel." **Angie Whaley LeClercq** and Fred have traveled with SBC 3 times in recent years (Sicily, Scotland, and France). The most recent (8/07) was to the Dordogne Valley to see the caves of Lascaux. SBC through Melissa Coffey '98 and the alumnae office does a magnificent job with these tours. The arrangements were wonderful, much fun was had by all. **Rosamond Sample Brown** is "enjoying life between my dwellings in Dallas and San Diego, with an annual trip out of the country. I'll go to France in the fall. May be my last trip for a while until the dollar strengthens. Fortunately, my health is good and my children are fine. I love company and my guestroom is always ready for a classmates. **Lynne Crowe Smith**: While I officially retired in 11/07 to preserve benefits, I still work. However, work does help pay for the trips I enjoy including ones I call BOM (Bank of Mom) trips such as the wedding of my nephew in Stockholm last Jun. It was great to get my 3 (unmarried) children there, David (37) came from Budapest where he lives and Sandy (36) and Margaret (34) came. For my birthday in Oct. I took a trip to South Africa, Botswanna, Namibia, and Zimbabwe. The animal life was fantastic. However, the plight of the people, especially in Zimbabwe and most especially the women, is horrific. The number of people affected by HIV/Aids is close to a billion in those 4 countries alone according to our guide. I briefly met Julia deColigny's son as he was getting on the 5 passenger plane I had just exited. I took my 2nd SBC alumnae trip to Tahiti (1st trip in '77 was also Tahiti) with my daughter in Feb. There were a bunch of participants near her age, which was great. Even better, they let me hang out with them. **Dagi Stoll Murphy** says: "I'm not planning to retire yet. Still enjoying my job with General Mills and doing some traveling. Christmas, John and I spent time with our daughter, husband, and his parents in Cologne, Germany. After Christmas, we enjoyed a few days along the Rhine before visiting my relatives near Stuttgart. In Jan., I went hiking with friends in Phoenix and Sedona. Next Sept., it's the Austrian Alps. Hiking to various heights keeps me going. Nothing better than the view of the world from a mountain top." **Mary Ball Morton** and I [Ginny] will get together before the year is out! She was chair of the Wilmington Garden tour, which I would have attended, if not on vacation. **Vera LeCraw Carvaillo** writes: "We haven't managed retirement yet. Our son Jean-Philippe and wife Aurélie had a beautiful baby girl, 12/15/07. We're all silly over her. Our grandson is already 15!" **Susan Dwelle Baxter** moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, when Bill retired from St. Thomas' Garrison Forest (after 28 years as rector). "I'm still working as a travel agent out of our new home and still connected to my agency in Baltimore. We love being in FL and it's back home for me. It's a big change and we're still settling in. Bill plays lots of tennis and helping out at our local parish, Christ Episcopal Church Ponte Vedra. Jacksonville is next door so I see lots of old friends and my sister who is close by (we all live in "Sawgrass")." **M.C. Elmore Harrell** is a new grandmother to Caroline Hughes Corby 3/24/08. Mother Sue lives in Annapolis, MD. "I won't see her until after 4/15 as I'm a full-time CPA in Jacksonville. I was in VA around Thanksgiving and dropped by SB campus. I had fun taking pictures of the old train station (I didn't know that it had moved to campus!). My son, a VA Tech graduate, has a home in Blacksburg. My husband and I are looking for property in VA for retirement (if we ever can!). I spent quite a bit of time in VA in fall exploring from Abingdon to Charlottesville and lots of points in between." **Sally Gump Berryman** says she "aher '52 Ford tractor are still 2 good, hard-working antiques. I'm thrilled to be where I am, with my 3 shelter dogs and 2 foster horses. I'm involved with the Humane Society and with Junior Golfers. I love

watching them grow with good character, life skills, and energy!" **Mary Duer Colen** sent a Christmas letter (which this year I didn't lose!) with a picture of her 4 adorable grandchildren. Daughter Jennifer's Eleanor Anderson is new! Caroline with blond hair and a winning smile looks like you know who! "We went to HI with Ambler, Jack and children, and went to Vero Beach for the annual golf outing for Joe's fraternity. This event brings friends together from all over the country that we have known for half a century. When in Philadelphia, most weekends we head to the Eastern Shore to our farm." **Sheila Carroll Cooprider** says that she, husband Chuck, **Grace Mary Dates** and Wally happened to be in Rome the same week. We live 2 hrs apart, but do you think we take advantage of that? Anyway, Rome is Grace Mary's favorite place so we saw everything and had a great visit. "Pantheon at 9?" I'm still half time at Christ Church as assistant. It's nice not to be in charge, but I enjoy preaching, etc. Still wonder how "to do" retirement. Have various family visits planned and trips to Mexico and Italy." **Linda Lee McAndrew**: "I don't see retirement in the near future. I guess that when you have kids late everything gets pushed off! I'm working for Children's Aid Society as a family therapist for at risk-teens and their families and supervising a team of people doing the same. What's left of my dance life is working with a performance improvisation group directed by Margie Beals." **Jackie Nicholson Wysong** has redone 3 rooms in the house she loves in VA and bought a big TV/VCR/DVD. "My children are so proud. Daughter Mary (40) and husband Chris with 2 granddaughters Grace (6) and Cate (3) live nearby. Son David (36) and wife Donna are also nearby and expecting a son in May. Son Matthew (31) and wife Carrie live in Denver with Paige (2) who was born prematurely in '06 at 2 lbs, 13.5 oz. She's now thriving. I'm going to Egypt and Jordan in October with friends. Looking forward to experiencing a new culture and recalling ancient history facts." **Hedi Haug White**: "Tom and I spend the greatest amount of time in our upstate vacation home, Big Indian, NY, where we ski in winter and enjoy the Belleayre Music Festival on whose board Tom serves in the summer. I commute 3 days a wk to the city where I work in the family real estate business and local community planning board. We travel. I can't believe the birthday we celebrated this year, but over all, this is a nice period in our lives." **Caroline Tate Noojin** reports a miracle. "I've been treated for Macular Degeneration for the last couple of years, a maternal inheritance. Mine entered the "wet" stage and I couldn't see. I now have injections of Lucestin once a month and my sight has been restored!" Caroline says to call her if you are interested in this new treatment (contact Ginny or SBC for her number). After a 3-year (long!) renovation, **Nancy Hall Green** and Holcombe plan to move into a townhouse in Atlanta (in Buckhead) at the end of Apr. "Our younger son Frank is marrying a wonderful girl, Molly Middleton, in Jun. in Jackson Hole, WY. They live in NY, but vacationed in Jackson Hole. Holcombe had major back surgery in early Mar. We're hoping for a slow dance at the wedding if not to see him kick up his heels. Please, everyone, respond generously to the solicitations for the new Athletic Center. We need it badly at Sweet Briar to compete with other women's colleges. Even prep schools and high schools have better Athletic facilities than we do. This has to change!" **Susan Thorndike Hunt** retired from payroll manager for a large company and then was rehired in a different dept. part time. "I needed that flexibility as youngest daughter Mary Elizabeth married a wonderful man, Juan Antonio, in Barcelona in Sept. They live in London. 2nd daughter Carolyn, in Beverly Hills, will give us our 1st grandchild (a boy) this year. In Feb., my sister and I took a 2-wk cruise through the Panama Canal. God blessed me with 3 wonderful daughters, good friends, and good health." **Nina Sledge Burke** wrote and published a book. "3 yrs ago I wrote, edited, and designed a book, *The Plantations of St. Bartholomew's Parish*,"*plantationsofsaintbartholomewsparish.com*, a coffee table picture book featuring 27 plantations in Colleton County, SC, where Frank and I spend the winter. The book benefits the local historical society where I serve on the board. It won several local awards, was featured on television and in a SC section of Southern Living magazine. After 23 yrs, I retired from the board of Stratford Hall, Robert E. Lee's birthplace in Westmoreland County, VA. However, rest was short. 2 yrs ago, I started a fox hunting club, the Low Country Hunt, and am now Master of Foxhounds (with 2 others). The club has 80 members (all amazing to me!). To list all of the SBC alumnae I see would take up most of the column, but hunt club members include: Erika Marshall '84, Elizabeth Sher '85, and Lucille Morrison '67. Frank and I still spend summers in Highlands, NC. Daughter Eleanor, in Atlanta, has given us a grandchild, Will (6). Son Richard and wife Beth are attorneys and live in Charleston, SC." **Nancy Banfield Feher** says "Life is great. Can't ever imagine retiring. Still selling T-shirts and caps to the souvenir and resort market (and my mother sent me to SBC to do this!) Oh well, it's fun and creative. My 2nd husband, Ted, and I live on the beautiful Champions Golf Club with a fabulous view of the 3rd hole. Ted has 4 children and 6 grandchildren. We're off to Spain in May with neighbors." To those who didn't send a note, whether you have big news or not, please keep in touch. And come to reunion!

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Mel Freese Cota visited Norwalk, CT, to take care of her 2 granddaughters so their parents could have a week getaway before the 3rd baby arrives in Jun. **Eileen Stroud Clark** and Martin came and helped her to grandparent. Their daughter Stephanie just had a baby girl close by in Montclair.

Blair Both retired 3/1/08 after a gratifying and fun 2 yrs as interim rector of an Episcopal church in Wilmington. They'll stay there; she'll do more gardening, cooking, tennis, and occasional supply work. They say preachers never really retire. Her father who knew many of our classmates died last summer; her mother is well and expects to attend her next reunion, her 70th.

Eugenia Dickey Caldwell and Peter went on a birding trip to Costa Rica in Mar., expecting to see 450 species!

Scribner "Scribbie" Euston is happily chugging along. A springtime visit to campus for Friends of Art was a highlight. She's in Jacksonville and welcomes anyone traveling to the posh resorts of Amelia Island and Ponte Vedra to visit her on the way.

Sally McCrady Hubbard is investigating a more age-appropriate way to volunteer for HIV/AIDS. She'll serve for 2 yrs on the board of directors of a 501c3 that trains people in 5 foreign locations in addiction and HIV prevention/services (Kenya, Romania, Russia, Belize, Tajikistan). Daunting, but exciting. Beloved grandson Duncan (7) will visit for 2 wks this summer to hike and attend soccer and tennis camps.

Mimi Vogt Macht spent 2 days with **Beth Hunt**, her wonderful roommate for 4 yrs and oldest friend, at the OR Coast, while her other roommates, Eileen and Mel were together in CT. It was fantastic that they're still together and getting older and now dealing with aging parents and children making separate lives.

Marianne Micros is a proud grandmother of her first 2 grandchildren, both born in 7/07, 3 days apart. Matteo, son of daughter Eleni, was born 3 mo. early but is thriving; Marianne was present for the birth of Rowan, daughter of daughter Joy. Her book of poetry, *Seventeen Trees*, has been safely birthed as well.

Aline Rex McEvoy's son Clay and wife Kimberly had their 4th baby, 1st boy, Henry Clay Calhoun. He's thriving with 4 doting mothers in the household; his older sisters and mother are having a wonderful time.

Laura Haskell Phinizy and Stewart enjoyed a trip to Barcelona and San Sebastian in the Basque country. They visited daughter Marion and husband Wes over New Year's; grandson Wesley is in preschool and Stewart is in pre-K. Daughter Laura (teaches ESL) and the twins (17 mo.)—walking, climbing, and attempting to communicate—came to Augusta at Easter. Laura and husband Keith are taking piano. Louise and Stewart are well. Real estate is slow, but not dead!

Carol Reifsnyder Rhodes wrote from her 2nd home in snowy CO. She reports 3 trips in Apr.: a time-share with her daughter's family (3 grandsons) in Hilton Head; a scientific meeting in San Diego, and a return to Lexington where they lived for 19 yrs to see the Keeneland races and hear the symphony and chorus of which Bob had been a member. After a Jul. meeting in Berlin, they'll offer boys' camp to 5 grandsons in CO. Youngest unmarried son Ben will help with the grandsons, ages 2–14. Bob and Carol are healthy, 7 yrs after their cancers.

Holly Zweigler Schroeter's daughter (37) completed an MFA in film and electronic media at American U. She lives in Queens, freelancing in film editing (she previously lived in the Czech Republic and is fluent in Czech). Alexis' brother Eric Gibson has 2 sons (5 and 7) who speak their mother's tongue, Slovak, and English, and now live in Falls Church. Holly traveled to Prague in '01 to visit her daughter and saw Krokaw, Poland; Kosice, Slovakia, and the Tatra Mountains. Holly visited the campus and Charlottesville in '02 while convalescing from heart SVT catheter ablation.

Katharine van Geel has an updated email address: *ktvangeel@gmail.com.* She says: "Tyll and I retired and moved to Amherst, MA, last Jul. to be nearer to our children in Boston. We love the area; many things to do in a lovely rural setting. Yesterday we celebrated our 43rd wedding anniversary (we married at Sweet Briar during spring vacation of our senior year). We have one grandchild, Max, and 2 more on the way. Being near them is a giant plus.

Trudy Hatch returned from our daughter Chandler's beautiful wedding in Seattle. Her children are evidently waiting until they're 35 to march down the aisle! She and Ed are moving back to the Northwest in May where he will continue practicing pediatric surgery for 3–5 more yrs; they're nowhere near the retirement agendas. She feels blessed to be returning "home" and hopes to continue volunteering at the art museum there as she has loved adventures here at Albuquerque's museum. She's wanted to docent forever and at last has the time. Trudy says, "Hope all is well at Sewanee! Ed graduated in 1963 as did his father a while ago! And my brother...and our nephew...etc."

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Lesley Bissell Hoopes and Toby have been on a trip to Playa del Carmen in Mexico and to Houston, Minneapolis, CO, ME, and RI, and Switzerland and Germany. Lesley continues to be active at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, giving tours of the new Greek and Roman galleries.

Cecilia Bryant, besides being an active attorney and general counsel to several NASDAQ companies, is president of several charities including the American Red Cross and Planned Parenthood. Some of the important things she has done since leaving SBC are: serving as Vice Chair of FL's university system board of regents, and as Chair of Pride, Inc., a corporation that ran 46 prison industries to train and rehabilitate prisoners. She founded and was the 1st President of the Jacksonville Women's Network, now 400 strong. She's also Law Professor at the FL Coastal School of Law. She and husband, Dr. Richard Lipsey Ph.D., enjoy living in Jacksonville.

Kathryn "Katey" Buster has been a hiking guide for 20+ yrs and a property manager in Aspen, CO. She has now climbed *all* 54 peaks that are over 14,000 ft. in CO, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Blanc, and Grand Teton. She continues her professional photography as well. Katey says, "I'm passionate about preserving our Mother Earth and obviously am pro-environment. I believe in simplicity in life; I consume very little."

Brenda Darden Kincaid is now headmaster, Upper School, of Nansemond-Suffolk Academy. Even with her new duties, she continues to teach AP calculus. Brenda served as a reader of AP Calculus exams at CO State U. from 2000–2006. She likes to read, visit family, travel, and entertain friends. Brenda and Douglas' children, Julia (38), Douglas III (36), Sarah (32), and Jed (30) all graduated from UVA. They have 5 grandchildren. Special memories of SBC include "Dr. Ralph Aiken, Bum Chums, Aints and Asses productions, step singing, and liver and onions on Wed. nights."

Kate Delano-Condax Decker wrote 2 new books: *Riding—Ride with Confidence, Safety and Good Form Right from the Start*, and *ALPHA MALE: Who They Are, How They Think, What They Want, How to Attract, Meet, Marry & Train One*. These join 6 other books by Kate. She's still a dog trainer. Activities include horses, dogs, books, friends, and current events. Kate remembers the beauty of SBC, "especially the fire roads through the mountains."

Mary "Mickie" Donaldson deFigard is a doctor in San Jose, CA. She enjoys her work, and loves cats. Some of her memories of SBC include fresh dairy milk, good food, choir, professors John Shannon and Lucile Umbreit, Misses Belcher and Sprague—all influential in her life. Mickie says, "I'm still exploring and wandering around in a fog."

As for yours truly, **Lynne Gardner Detmer**, I'm crazed this year with a major move and downsizing going on! We're going from 14 rooms to 9 rooms (plenty of space, I know, but quite a change) in a town home about 400 yards as the crow flies from our former house. When we moved to Williamsburg 13 yrs ago, we blithely thought that all 5 children would come often and together and so a large house with lots of bedrooms made sense. The fact is that Jim (49), Bill (48), Chris (46), Cammy (38), and Steve (34) all have busy lives and schedules with little time to visit. There's no longer a reason to keep a large house and yard, especially since we spend the summers in the Adirondacks! We have 6 grandchildren between us (15–3). We both continue to sing in the Williamsburg Choral Guild, and we're active in community projects including, for Jim, deep involvement with the AARP Tax Aide program. I continue with Adornings, although that's part time. I do needlework when I can. We're happy, healthy, and looking forward to having more time to spend with family and friends.

Sara-Elisabeth Granath writes from Sweden: "Since SBC I've been an actress, a university teacher, other kinds of teacher, and a warehouse worker. I've worked in complaints in a book business, very educational, lots of fun. I've traveled to many countries such as Australia, India, South Korea, South Africa, and Russia for Theatre Research conferences. Now, I teach half time, work as a theatre critic half time. At Christmas I went to the San Francisco Bay area, where I went for the 1st time in 1967 on my Greyhound trip round the states. My youngest brother is a dentist in Santa Rosa, and I've visited him and his family several times. I've been back to Washington D.C. a couple of times, but I never went back to SBC. Going to the theatre is my greatest interest, as well as my job. But I'm also interested in sports and reading. I started going to the gym after getting a hip replacement (so I can't jog any more!) In '05, I was awarded the Golden Griffin for best teacher at South Stockholm U. Coll. ."

Libby Harvey Fitzgerald is "creeping toward retirement (i.e. volunteering/working for no $), consulting with 2 analytical laboratories who test herbal and dietary supplement products. John reduced hours in his civil engineering/land surveying business. We're spending 1 wk each month at our cabin in Twain Harte in the Sierras northwest of Yosemite Valley. Come visit! Still playing tennis, cycling, and kayaking. We planned a bicycle trip in the Shenandoah Valley and Blue Ridge Mountains following our 40th reunion gathering. John thinks he's my personal trainer."

Nancy Hickox Wright "loves the challenge (usually), and is continuing to attempt to teach reading to 17–18 year olds in a drop out prevention program at a Jacksonville, FL inner city h. s., which has acquired a distinct reputation (forgive the boasting) for receiving an F grade 7 years out of 8. After passing the FL bar in '06, Gil (he claims he was the oldest person in FL taking the bar, but I think I saw a person being rolled out on life support) enjoys practicing litigation management in a 2-man firm in downtown Jacksonville. Nancy is working on a screenplay for a potential PBS childrens' show. She and Gil have married sons Prescott and Tim with their 1st grandchild born in Jan.

Jacqueline "Jacky" Israel Blakeslee is active in church, teaching Sunday school and religion, and serving as leader in Bible study fellowship. She's concerned about "the condition of the world my grandchildren will live the rest of their lives in." She and Peter have 3 children, Kathleen (36), Stacy (36), and Travis and 7 grandchildren (11–6 mos.)!

Frances Kirven Morse and John love being grandparents to daughter Tyler's Ella (3 ½) and newborn Levi. Frances says, "This has been a close-to-home year for us with most of our energy going into welcoming a new grandchild to our family and to completing an extreme makeover of our living and dining rooms, and kitchen." Frances has "found a niche that combines my passion for yoga and my research skills culled from all those years at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. I'm involved with The Art of Yoga Project nonprofit organization doing yoga and art with incarcerated teenage girls at a progressive residential girl's camp in San Mateo County. They were looking for someone to spearhead a research program so they can prove how well it's working. I'm interviewing the girls and staff members, designing evaluation forms, tallying numbers, helping out in the yoga classes, and working with amazing women volunteers." Frances stays involved with the Friends of Edgewood Park, leading wildflower walks and working to save the Bay Checkerspot Butterfly and also with Peninsula PFLAG, a safe schools program. She has "added pilates to my arsenal of stretching and yoga to help stave off the aging process." Frances and John had a good trip to NYC for their niece's wedding in '07 and will duplicate the trip this year for the twin sister's wedding.

Suzanne Little and Doug Miller, her "S.O.," live in Houston, TX. She's an accountant with a private corporation, having received her M.S. in accounting in '00 from U. St. Thomas in Houston. She has been a student of Iyengar Yoga for 15 yrs. Favorite memories of SBC include a dance Concert with Annie Green, a master class with Martha Graham, and enjoying the dells. Suzanne says that she has learned to enjoy life and to take things less seriously. "Everything is important. Nothing is important."

Jennie Lyons Fogarty is program director at Friendship Heights Village in Chevy Chase, MD. She and John have 4 children: Anne (37), actor; Kate (34), teacher; Patrick (29), AP video producer; and Meghann (23), working at a nonprofit organization, and 3 grandchildren. Jennie remembers all events at the boat house, all of her art history professors, and "a long list of silly, hilarious stunts pulled with roomie, **Ann Peterson**." She made "life-long friendships" at SBC.

Pamela McConnell Post-Ferrante received her M.Ed. at Tufts U., her MFA from VT Coll., and her C.A.G.S. from Lesley U. Currently Adjunct Faculty at Lesley U., Pamela leads writing and healing workshops, teaches writing as therapeutic modality, and publishes articles, chapters and NPR commentaries. She's part of an audio documentary, "Walking Through the Storm." Husband Robert Edward Ferrante is executive producer of BBC-WGBH-PRI's "The World." She has 2 children, Tyler Post (31), and Whitney Post (34), and a brand new granddaughter, Anna Post. Her memories include walking with **Pam Browning** and getting chased by a bull. She loved the library and its Cram design. She says that at SBC she "gained a continual love of learning." Pamela has "survived 8 cancer surgeries" and is happy to be here!

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Miller Green has been a bookseller since '95. She's now reducing her work load to 3 days a wk. She enjoys gardening, reading, and watercolor painting. She and John have 2 sons, John and Randolph, and 1st grandson Charles was born in 5/07.

Penny Oliver Chapell continues as a commercial banker in Evergreen, CO. She and Carl have 2 children, Miles (35) and Liz (32), and 2 grandsons. Penny has vivid SBC memories of a Croatian speaker in Dr. Hapala's class when the drapes were drawn. She says that SBC gave her "the confidence that I could do and be anything I wanted to be."

Ann Peterson Griffin has enjoyed

raising her family. Being docent at the Dallas Museum of Art has been the "best world history lesson." She and Jerry have 2 children, Lisa (37) and Janie (33), and 2 grandchildren. She missed Reunion because she is battling cancer.

Pembroke Reed Hoffmier is a yoga teacher and master gardener. She and Tom have 5 children: Ben (36), Reed (33), Jamie (27), John (25), and Mason (21), and 1 grandchild on the way.

Emmy Savage wrote a brief e-mail. Her father died recently, and she has found that "very hard."

Amy Thompson McCandless is now the dean of the graduate school and associate provost for the Coll. of Charleston. She says the college has "17 master's degrees and 7 graduate certificate programs that take advantage of the unique opportunities offered by our location in the SC Lowcountry (e.g., Historic Preservation, Marine Biology). This semester I teach a class on the history of Southern women in addition. I have a wonderful job! Sons Alastair and Colin are now 32 and 29. For the last few years we've made it a custom to go on a family trip to Europe the week after Christmas. This year it was Prague; before that, Ireland, Edinburgh, and London. Neither of them majored in history, but I've hooked them on historical travel nonetheless. Now if I could only interest them in grandchildren." Amy's academic degrees include her M.A. and Ph.D. in modern British social history from U. WI and an MBA in personnel from U. of SC.

Suzanne Torgan Weston is self-employed with her firm, Weston Consulting, Inc. She and Stephen, a retired geological engineer, have 1 daughter, Lorena (48), and 1 grandchild, Reid (20). They love to travel and tour together on their BMW motorcycles. Suzanne is active with student scholarship and award programs. She remembers springtime at SBC and its incredible beauty and wishes that she had stayed with us for 4 yrs.

Blair Walker Lawrence is involved in historic preservation in her area, Warrenton, VA, and beyond. She enjoys playing tennis and traveling with husband Bob. They have 2 children, Treville and Croom, both in their 30s and unmarried. Special memories of SBC include waking to the sounds of the Sweet Tones singing in the halls at Christmas time and special professors Miss Muncy and Dr. Hapala. Blair has worked "with the Piedmont Environmental Council and other land use organizations to control growth, protect the environment, and educate landowners and community leaders about our fragile ecosystems."

Betsy Wolfe continues as psychologist and assistant clinical professor at UCSF in their Infant-Parent Program. She received her M.A. from U. of SC and her Ph.D. from the CA School of Professional Psychology. Her husband is Edmund Jacobson, MD, and orthopedic surgeon. Their children are Kristin and Kim, both of whom have MBAs. They have 4 grandchildren. Betsy has fond memories of SBC, including riding through the woods and fields alone after a snowfall. She enjoys sailing and skiing all over the world. She says, "I love my work, especially teaching and training young psychologists, psychiatrists, and pediatricians about infant mental health."

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By the time you read this, our 35th Reunion will be a happy memory—and a wonderful time was had by all in attendance! Nonetheless, snippets of news gleaned prior to that auspicious occasion are noted for those unable to attend and catch up on the latest.

In Feb., 8 of us gathered for a cocktail party at the Omni Hotel in Richmond, VA, sponsored by the local SBC Club and had a marvelous time! If 8 of us had that much fun, just imagine what a rollicking good time 80 of us at Reunion (we're optimists) will have had! Classmates attending the party were: **Diane Dale Reiling**, **Jane Potts**, **Joan May Harden**, **Jan Keith Garfield**, **Susan Bundy, Kathleen Cochran Schutze**, **Susan Dern Plank**, and **Lacy Williams** (despite recent eye surgery). Being together was worth the travel and distances involved—it seemed like no time had lapsed since we'd last seen each other. Several husbands also came whose presence added spice to the occasion. Hopefully they had as good a time as we did, though it may have been difficult to get a word in edgewise.

More good news of classmates' daughters currently at SBC: **Kathleen Cochran Schutze**'s daughter Emily is a first-year and **Betsy Buchanan Fishback**'s daughter Sarah is a sophomore, attracted there by the caliber of the riding program. Hurrah! That's a total of 3 (including **Pat Hite Barton**'s daughter Emily), which is lovely news! Do let us know if there are others!

Joan May Harden: I thought we knew that Jane McFadden has had recent deaths in the family and won't be attending for sure. **Also Debbie Arce** can't come due to a work conflict. **Jill Heptinstall** is coming—I'm her ride. You didn't mention **Magee Leigh**; we heard that she's coming. Is Lacy Williams coming with Jane Potts? I know Lacy *said* she would see us in May, but it could've been wine talking? Isn't Kathleen Schutze coming too?

Kathy Pretzfelder Steele: My plans for May are up in the air. My daughter is getting married in Sept. in FL; I've planned to be there the 1st week in May to work on the details. I'll see if I can swing the time and get down to the Patch for reunion. **Jean Platt Rospondek** is unsure if she'll make it. I haven't heard from Kristy Alderson. Hope all is well.

Pat Hite Barton: My singing isn't only my passion, it's my sanity. I sing with several local, professional groups and, since this is a culturally rich area (proximity to NYC), the level of music is high. My highlight last year was a duet with a mezzo from the Vienna Opera—fun! My daughter is at SBC this year; it's the perfect fit. We looked at a lot of schools (Emily had lots of options, Pres Nat'l Honor Society, Swim Team 4 yrs, horse shows, AP classes), and I didn't push SBC, just suggested that while we were touring the south we visit. We spent a day; she fell in love with the place, the curriculum, and especially the people. She applied early decision, there you have it.

Creigh Casey Krin's daughter Heather, a math teacher, was married in 7/07 to a local attorney in Woodbury, CT. Creigh laughed when she said the bridesmaids' dresses were pink and green! Daughter Lindsay is working on a doctorate in music at Boston U. Creigh said that Jane Lucas, an interior designer, and her husband, an architect, moved from Boston to Austin, TX.

Susanne Garrison Hoder and John live happily in Tiverton, RI. Both sons are out of college. One travels the world having raised the money working on a cruise ship. He's due back to the States in Jun. Their other son works in the financial world of Atlanta with a possible move to Houston in the works. Susanne keeps in touch with Pascale, **Kathy Upchurch Takvorian** and Jane Potts.

Nancy Lenihan Conaty relocated to Hiltonhead a year ago. She attended a SBC luncheon in Charleston in Jan., had a great time with **Lucinda Larsen** whom she hadn't seen in 30 years!

Betsie Meric Gambel survived Hurricane Katrina only to be diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. She spent 6 mo. in Houston at MD Anderson. She reports all is well now and that cancer "reminded her to relish every moment of life. I've been traveling and enjoying friends and family!" Betsie is a grandmother x 2. Gregory and his wife Krista live in Philadelphia with children Collin and William (born 12/06). Meric lives in Charlotte, NC, and has kept his house in Greenville, SC, where he became friends with **Carol Anne Provence Gallivan**'s daughter. Betsie still loves her job as VP of Public Relations at a marketing firm in New Orleans. She sees lots of **Lisa Slatten** and is working on getting her to reunions too. Husband Jerry Alexander will come with Betsie to Reunion to see our beautiful campus and then explore the VA countryside. Betsie keeps up with **Magee Leigh**, **Jane McCutchen McFaddin**, **Jane Lowrey Tierney**, **Peggy Cheesewright Garner** and **Lisa Fowler Winslow**, all of whom were of tremendous support during her illness. Betsie mentioned that **Dessa Rutter** will be married in the spring of 2008. Best wishes to her!

Tina Sheris Wood laments that she's only been to one reunion about 10 yrs ago. If she's in town, she'll do her best to get there. She and her husband are out of town a lot since their children no longer live in Roanoke. Her daughter and husband live in London and their son is in Charlotte, NC, with one year of grad school left.

Anne Billings McDougall and **Joan May Harden** thought that they'd see each other at W&L as they both had children there, but it never happened before they both graduated in 5/07. Anne became a grandmother for the first time in 12/07. She is committed to helping her daughter with the baby while she works as her husband is finishing his MA. They plan to move overseas in a year or so; Anne wants to do all the grandmotherly nurturing she can now. She'll try to make Reunion if her volunteer position allows, but May is a busy month.

Laurie Norris Coccio's elder daughter, Stephanie, is still at Oxford finishing her Ph.D. in Russian History and Philosophy. Although retired, Laurie is a consultant at her former school, mentoring 2 new teachers and conducting training programs. She says retirement is great as she has time to read books and go to the health club at 8 a.m. instead of 6 a.m.—and more importantly, she feels 100% less stressed. She's used much of her "spare time" planning trips. She and husband Chris took their first trip in Sept. to celebrate her retirement

and their 4th anniversary. They biked with a group 250 mi. up the Bas St. Laurent, starting north of Quebec. In Nov., Chris had a trade show in Munich. They went a week ahead and visited Dubrovnik and Zagreb, Croatia. They took the train over the Alps, an amazing journey. Then in Munich they met Stephanie and her boyfriend and had a great couple days sampling the local brews and eating "wurst." After Munich, they went to Prague for 3 days, a beautiful city they were beginning to decorate for Christmas in the middle of Nov. She feels fortunate to have these life experiences that she's been dreaming about. She and Chris head to New Zealand for 3 wks in Jan. A week after their return, they'll go skiing in Salt Lake City and Jackson Hole. Their South American fun begins in March, when they go to Patagonia and Buenos Aires; in April, they head to Lima and Machu Picchu. It's a lot of travel, but she says they "have the itch and since we can both still carry our own bags, why not?" Sadly, Laurie's Dad died in 4/07. He had been living with her sister, Lynn Norris Pfeiffer '75 in FL after suffering a stroke 2 yrs before. Her mother sold her house on Sanibel Island and moved to be near Lynn, who has moved to Belleview, FL.

Jane Potts lives in Charleston, but comes home to visit her mom in Richmond when possible. She plans to come to Reunion. Her son works—and skis of course!—in Telluride, CO, having graduated from Sewanee in '07. Jane has visited him and had a great time! She plans to call **Mac Cuthbert Langley** to see if she's coming to Reunion.

Jan Keith Garfield is director of development for Presbyterian Homes and Family Services in Lynchburg, VA. She has volunteered to be our "onsite" person to help implement Reunion plans. She and her husband are in the process of restoring a home on Rivermont Ave.

Anita Clarendon Ledsinger became a member of the board of directors; we're in august company with 2 classmates on the board. It speaks volumes about the talents of our class. Anita married a '72 UVA grad, and one of her daughters went to the U. of Richmond. Anita's husband is on the board there, which led to Anita's position with a board of VA private colleges, where she met Pres. Muhlenfeld—and the rest is history. Anita is coming back for Reunion where she plans to see her bridesmaids, all SBC classmates, including **Jan Storey Honick**. Jan said she would attend Reunion if Diane Reiling could locate a copy of "She's a Rainbow" for her. With assistance from Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80, executive dir. of alumnae affairs, Diane has done just that! We expect to see Jan in May!

Betsie Buchanan Fishback would like to attend Reunion, but has had health issues to deal with recently. She'll see how it goes. She saw Pat Barton at an SBC luncheon for alumnae parents when they brought their daughters in Aug. She sees **Evie Carter Cowles** from time to time.

Terry Christovich Gay had a mini-reunion with Jane Potts, Debi Hopkins, and Betsy Perry in New Orleans in Nov. One of Terry's children is at Sewanee. She divides her time between N. O. and Tampa.

Debi Ziegler Hopkins won't be able to attend Reunion. Her younger son graduates from Princeton at the same time. Her older son graduated from Lehigh U. in PA and works in Manhattan. She thought that **Kathy Rasmussen Packard**, living in the Dallas area, might attend Reunion, especially if **Linda Lipscomb** and **Renee Sterling** did. Debi attended Kathy's wedding a couple of years ago. Kathy has 3 daughters.

Weezie Blakeslee Gilpin is the new Dean of Students at The Bishop's School in LaJolla, CA, making Bob and Weezie a bi-coastal couple. Weezie can't make Reunion as her 1st graduation at Bishop will be the week after. She needs to be there for her students.

Linda Lipscomb was pleased to hear that Nan Clarke will come to Reunion. She planned to spend New Year's with **Cary Davis King** and family at their place in MT and promised to ask Cary to attend reunion. She hopes **Gypsie Bear Van Antwerp** will come too. Linda started an interesting new job in fall '07 and is in charge of planned giving in the development office at the Dallas Museum of Art.

In Oct., **Scottie O'Toole** went to Umbria, Florence, Cortona, and Rome with a group of friends. They had a wonderful time; stayed in a villa and explored the countryside in 2 cars with GPS. Amazingly enough, Scottie has been in Atlanta for 23 yrs, during which time she earned her M.A., and has worked in HR for a private firm for past 7 yrs. She sees Nancy Haight '75, who lives close by. Her roommate, **Debbie McDowell Gilronan**, lives in Portland, OR; she hasn't seen her in a long time. She is looking forward to seeing Sandra Taylor '75, hopefully at Reunion. Sandy has moved back to Richmond from Atlanta.

Chris Sherwood Warner saw Weezie prior to moving to CA. They miss the post-cards for class news. Chris has 2 daughters: the elder one is interested in pre-law and classics, the younger one (in 10th grade) might be interested in SBC

Chris wants to go back to work now that her girls are older. She plans to return for Reunion and appreciates her SB education more and more as she gets older.

Lisa Fowler Winslow plans to return for Reunion from CA and hopes that Peggy Garner and Deb Arce will join her. Lisa's daughter is a senior at Northwestern U. and had just returned from Parents Weekend when we spoke in Nov.

Lucy Dennington Van Zandt, who lives in Lakeland, TN, and husband Mims plan to attend Reunion. In addition to her musical activities, she works in a gift shop a few days a week.

Debbie Pollock Arce has been the CFO of a growing software company in Portland, OR, since '04; there's a lot of job stress. In 5/07 she and her former husband sold the house they build in '93 where they raised their kids. It was difficult. She bought a new house and moved in Jun. Debbie has 3 children. Her daughter graduated from U. of Washington 6/07, after spending 6 mo. in Ecuador. She lives in Seattle and works for a wind energy consulting firm. An environmental studies major, she plans to go to graduate school in Australia in '09. What a great excuse for Debbie to travel! Her elder son is a sophomore at U. of OR, planning to be a h. s. teacher and coach. Her younger son turned 17 and is a junior in h. s. trying to decide what he wants to do with his life. Unfortunately, Debbie won't attend Reunion; her company hosts an annual users' conference for customers each year in May that conflicts. She's planning a long deferred trip to Europe with her elder son in fall; her travel budget is already allocated. She suggested that the Reunion Committee create a Web site for photos. Classmates who can't attend could send pictures of themselves beforehand; then those who are at the reunion could post pictures for them afterwards. In this digital age, it would be an awesome way to "participate" even if not there physically.

Susan Dern Plank heard from **Jane Lowery Tierney** in fall. She lives in a small, rural suburb outside Boston, but now that she and husband John are empty nesters, they're contemplating a move to a smaller place. Jane is a full-time volunteer, but at this point, she'd like to be paid for her efforts. John works on a start-up business investing in overseas 2nd-home/retirement real estate. One of her sons attended Colgate U., graduating in '05, so they often came close to Susan's hometown of Canajoharie. Jane's daughter works overseas, but was home in Oct. and plans to move back to the States after this school year. Jane has kept in touch with **Betsy Oakley Smith**, **Betsie Gambel**, **Jane McFaddin**, **Lisa Fowler Winslow** and **Peggy Cheesewright Garner**.

Julie Johnson Evans' youngest son received his MBA from SMU, and his 6/08 wedding will be held in Houston. Joan May Harden hopes that Julie will be able to attend Reunion nonetheless.

Unfortunately, **Betsy Oakley Smith** won't be at reunion due to a family obligation.

Nan Robertson Clark plans to attend Reunion. She was chair of her last law school reunion, so is well aware how much people are needed to help with calls. She and Hal have enjoyed being empty nesters! They've been tuition-free for 2 yrs and have noticed a corresponding improvement in their vacations.

Barb Cain Hegarty, **Kristy Alderson**, and **Susan Bundy** are attending Reunion, according to messages Diane Reiling has had from them.

Jane McCutchen McFadden wants to come, health permitting, and will try to round up a posse. Her brother, only 2 yrs older, recently died after a 2 year struggle with cancer. Her mother died about 2 years ago, also of cancer. Jane is in Charleston and mentioned a few Atlanta gals on her "wish list" that she hopes to see at SBC.

Carter Heyward Morris has her husband's Reunion at UVA early in Jun. and is a bit reluctant to make 2 trips, but we're sure we can convince her that the trip to SB will be much more fun!

Evie Carter Cowles is just down the road from SB, but has elderly friends visiting from the UK in May and isn't sure if she can break away for the whole weekend, but perhaps will for a day.

Marianne Vandervort Wiggishoff in Scottsdale, AZ, won't attend Reunion as her husband (85) had a stroke 2 yrs ago. Diane is disappointed since she was one 3 in our class from the Chicago area and hoped to see Marianne again.

Betsy Cann Akers is a realtor for Sotheby's International in the Atlanta Fine Homes office.

Keep your messages coming! As we have all found over the years, the ties that bind us are strong, whether formed when we were at SBC or later as we have become better acquainted with other members in our class. We're all better for knowing each other! Hurrah for the Class of '73!

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Cecelia "Cece" Clark Melesco, who transferred out of SBC after sophomore year, lives in Rocky Mount, VA, with husband David and mother. Cece keeps in touch with **Kathy Osborne Spirtes** living with her daughter on Long Island. David is a circuit court judge. Cece does some substitute teaching at a local h. s. David's son Todd, wife, and child (5) live in Independence, VA, where Todd is a green builder specializing in concrete counter tops. Cece's oldest daughter Cameron graduated from Elon and lives in Roanoke where she works for the newspaper in sales. Son Clark graduated from UVA and lives in Northern VA, where

he works as a financial/real estate investor. Alex, the family "social butterfly", is having the time of her life as a first-year at U of SC. "I fear we'll never get her back to the Old Dominion!" writes Cece. Alex will live and work with 4 friends in Charleston this summer. Cece's youngest son is finishing 11th grade at Woodbury Forest. Like his father, he loves football, while Cece and David enjoy driving to Charlottesville via Route 29 to attend his games. Occasionally, they drive through SBC and enjoy the gorgeous campus that attracted Cece as a student. They're basically empty-nesters, but have had her mother move in with them. Cece's menagerie is reduced to 2 dogs and 2 cats. She's approaching her 5-yr mark as a survivor of breast cancer and exercises regularly to build up her bones and immune system. Cece encourages young girls to adopt a healthy lifestyle now; it's harder at the age of 50. "I think my children think I was born 55 and can't believe I had crazy college experiences and was one step ahead of them when, as high schoolers, they were cooking up something they didn't want me to know about," says Cece. Her e-mail address is *dmelesco@yahoo.com*. She'd love to hear from anyone!

Coni Crocker Betzendahl writes from Kennett Square, PA, where husband Richard is semi-retired with an import-export rare gas business. Coni still works in art, which you can see at *www.betzendahldesign.com*. They love to travel. They are in the midst of a "hobby crisis" with 2 boats at Cape May, NJ—one for offshore fishing and one for bay. Coni has had a horse for 5 yrs and fox hunts with a farmer's hunt. They purchased a house and barn in VT, where they go skiing, snowmobiling, and riding. Lindsay (25) is a family therapist in CT and Ashley (23) is in marketing with The Goddard School. Coni and Richard look forward to a trip to Ireland this Apr., where Coni will first meet a friend to ride in the countryside. Later, their husbands will join them. Coni remembers that, with the fantastic riding center at SBC, she took only one semester of riding! Now, it seems that she lives in the saddle.

Let's keep **Denise Montgomery** in our thoughts and prayers. In Feb., she experienced pain up her left arm, in her chest and armpit. She went to the hospital and had a series of EKGs and blood tests to monitor enzymes and hemoglobin. Since the initial blood pressure reading was high, Denise was treated as if she were having a heart attack. She spent 3 days in the hospital undergoing various tests and her heart is fine. Doctors weren't sure what was wrong, but suspected pleurisy since Denise had a cough that had lingered for 3 mos. The cough improved thanks to antibiotics. Once she returned home, she felt tired, but attributes that to all the bed rest at the hospital. Her Uncle Bill died the morning she was released. Denise won't be going to IN soon, since the memorial service for her uncle will be held in late spring. We hope you're feeling better, Denise.

Cora Snyder's father passed away around the same time mine did. We offer you our heartfelt condolences, Cora. Thanks to all who have written me to express sympathy. You're helping me to get through the longest night of my life. I remain active in my church, where I'm a Stephan Minister. I have written some songs which will be incorporated into our music program. I had a surprise visit from my mother, nieces Ashley and Amanda, and great-nephew John Michael. We enjoyed the sun and the beach. I don't travel much these days. I enjoy being at home, working on the property, reading and writing. I once thought such a lifestyle would be a crashing bore, but it suits me fine of late.

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Michele Kass Shuldiner: I've been with Sanford Bernstein for 15 yrs as director of institutional sales. I have 2 beautiful girls: Dana Shuldiner, (18) a freshman at Muhlenberg Coll., and Nell Shuldiner (12). We live in NYC; I've been married to Rich for almost 30 yrs!

Becky Mayer Gutierrez: I'm a GRANDMA! Anthony and Tara had a baby boy on 3/15/08. His name is Gauge (unsure of spelling yet) Anthony Gutierrez, 8lb and ½ oz, 21 in. So amazing holding him. George and Alison are getting married 7/19/08 at our house, then off to the Bahamas for the honeymoon. Mike is a junior in h. s. and unsure of what he wants to do in the future. I'm getting my master's online through U. of New England in education. A great program, I get to have discussions with teachers from around the country. My school is doing Extended Learning Day, one of 8 elem. schools in Massachusetts, kids are in school from 7:45– 3:45. We have long days, but I love extras like dance and Spanish they get to study. I'm busy with everything, but love it, too much gray hair seeping in, keeping busy keeps you young.

Phooi-Ching Lai: I finally met up with a '77 alumna, **Linda Uihlein**. What a glorious reunion as we re-connected with each other and enjoyed each other's company. Thanks, Linda! It's your turn to visit me in Singapore. My husband and I visited our daughters in Dec, picked up one at Princeton and drove down to Charlottesville to pick up the other at UVA. We spent 3 wks together and a few days in VA with Linda, then returned to our empty nest.

Kate McElhinney Montgomery: I'm happy the writers strike is over and busy on a comedy for a London-based company. Daughter Suzanne, who will be a senior at Kenyon Coll., OH, next year, is studying for the year in Paris with SBC's program and having a wonderful time, loves the SBC courses, has traveled in Europe and landed an internship with Radio France. We still live in Piedmont, CA, where son Delano (16) is into music, theater, snowboarding, and golf (we're trying to get him to show more interest in studying for SATs!) Husband Doug is still in real estate. We're active in a fundraiser we started for the local children's hospital called Chase the Blues (*www.chasetheblues.com*) We can't believe how fast the years fly! We'll celebrate our 23rd anniversary in Aug. I've heard from **Kate Carnwath Hopkins** whose daughter Sarah is a junior and is studying at my other alma mater, St Andrews in Scotland, and from **Vera Blake Thiers** who has a daughter Kate in Munich and son Paul in Cologne. Got big news from another SBC friend Silky Hart '80 (transferred after 2nd yr) she's doing very well in TX and just got engaged!

Mary Coleman Palmer: Life is good here in Nashvegas. Daughter Kate Blackmon is in graduate school at Vanderbilt's Peabody Coll. She's getting an M.A. in elem. education. I'm still in the mortgage business waiting for the insanity to stop so we can get back to work! I've been writing a food blog (link below) since Nov. called Feeding Groom. I call my precious husband Groom and since I feed him every day, I thought the name was appropriate. I have had several of my posts picked up by Reuters, Chicago Sun Times, and the Sacramento Bee so I'm feeling pretty full of myself these days. The link is *http://feedinggroom.blogspot.com*. **Laura Burrell Garden** and I email a lot as well as **Carrie Griscom Nygren**. I'm not sure how I feel about almost being 53. I may have to turn 51 and go the opposite direction.

Jean Romanske Zaniewski lives with spouse Ken and children in a house built up the street from her childhood home. Having procrastinated as badly on marriage and children as she once did with term papers, Jean gave birth to Eric (11) at 41, adopted Ilka (8) at 44 and was surprised by the healthy birth of Alice (5) when she was 47. She retired in 7/07 after 23 yrs as a Postal Inspector. Though she misses the interest and challenges of federal law enforcement investigations, being with the family more than compensates. Reading, vacations, cycling, and volunteer work with the Unitarian church make time fly.

Cathy Goodhart Henson: This is a year of change. Youngest daughter Laura graduates from W&L and hopes to join the Peace Corps. Middle daughter Susie graduates from UGA Law School in May, moves to Little Rock, and marries (W&L grad) in Aug. Eldest daughter Catherine leaves D.C. after working for Senator Isakson for 5 yrs and starts UGA Law School. Never a dull moment! As for me, I'm single after almost 30 yrs of marriage. I've enjoyed seeing **Helen Milner Gordon** and **Glenn King Springer** this past year.

Sigrid Soderberg Pinsky. I'm happy in Palo Alto, CA. Husband Jim of 18 yrs works at Cisco. My 3 children, Stina (12), David and Fraser (both 6) are thriving and busy in 6th grade and Kindergarten. I'm president of 2 nonprofit organizations and PTA president at our elem. school. I volunteer with other groups, mostly local politics and child/adolescent issues. We don't get to VA often, but spend time on Nantucket with my parents each summer. In winter we ski and camp and summers here are filled with swim team and activities. I'd love to hear from anyone visiting out here!

Debbie Hill. After working for MCI/Verizon for 20 yrs I made a bold career move in Aug. to Level 3 Communications where I'm a Sales VP. Older son Ryan graduated from VA Tech in '03 as a computer science major and works for SAIC. My younger son graduated from the French Culinary Institute in NYC in '05 and is a chef at a local catering company.

Libby White Drbal: All is well. We still live outside of Princeton, enjoying all the college town "culture" here. It's been a busy year as oldest son Drew (18) is a senior and with that comes all the excitement. Last spring '07 we did the southern college tour. After stopping off at UVA, we hit SBC during the Junior Open House weekend! Drew could see why I loved it so much, but 700 smiling women was too much for him. So, further south we went and Elon U. in NC it is! He'll love it there. It seems like a co-ed SBC with about 4,000 more kids! Drew became an Eagle Scout this month, very exciting and gratifying since Doug is the Scoutmaster of the Troop and I'm the Committee Chairman, "his boss." Youngest Tyler (16) loves freshman year; he's a Boy Scout too and played football this fall and is into lacrosse. He's a drama student at a theater in Princeton and is performing "Hamlet" soon. Between Boy Scouts and sports, our social life is well taken care of. Doug travel a lot with Pfizer Animal Health pushing drugs for small animals. His customers are primarily on the West Coast, but we love the airline miles for vacations! I'm still busy with volunteering—Boy Scouts, PTA and sports booster clubs—and trying not to let my garden fall apart. I enjoy seeing classmates at our 30th Reunion. The class of '77 is holding up nicely! **Vivian Cohn**, **Maggie Shriver** and I stopped by Keedie Grones Leonard's ('76) before we came to SBC. She's thriving on her beautiful farm with wonderful kids and hubby Kyle. One more thing that is SBC related: last spring my Dutch "brother" from Amsterdam

came to visit for a few days with his wife. We're still in touch since my junior semester abroad in 1976, ouch!

Robin Holman Grubbs: I still teach 1st grade with 2 more years until retirement. My husband and I plan to cruise the Mediterranean, summer '08. We travel often and keep busy with tennis, golf, work, kids, etc. John's son graduates h. s. this spring, his daughter is 14, and my daughter is 25 and married, lives in Paducah.

Cora Snyder from Charlottesville is between jobs and looking for something new.

I, **Sally Bonham Mohle**, am retiring from George Mason U. on 4/4/08 after 23 yrs of service. Not having had children, I have worked for 30+ yrs straight with no breaks and am ready for a break! I plan to meditate, exercise, watch TV and most of all, SLEEP. Pete and I celebrated 30 yrs of marriage on 2/11/08. If you didn't get an email from me soliciting your news, please email me with your updated email address!

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True Dow Datillio writes: "I missed you all last year, but not much has happened in the short while. Except that I'm now 50. My boys (15, 16) make me a proud "spectator mom" and eager taxi driver with their basketball and ice hockey careers in full swing. My work in coll. counseling is challenging and eye opening, and continues to be a head-scratching drama for my colleagues. The front line of the coll. counseling office is exciting; I'm healthy and happy both physically and spiritually. My husband and I have been together 26 yrs, so that's saying something too.

"I'd like to remind the class of '80 that **Toni Santangelo Archbald** and I challenge you to *help* bring about the completion of the new athletics facility. We signed on to help raise awareness and funds for this long overdue and frightfully essential piece of the SBC puzzle. It's a real no-brainer; without this in place as soon as is possible, the next few years for SBC's matriculation could suffer terrible damage. The building breaks/broke ground in Apr.! It's a reality that we need to help and *fast*. Jennifer Crispen is so psyched. For those who have signed on, given a gift, pledge or matching gifts, *you* are the class act. I hope you others can follow. Always proud to be a SBC alumna, Take care. As ever, True Dow."

Anne Secor is still living in the woods just north of Montréal, where they have had 13 ft of snow so far this winter, and it's still falling! Fraternal girl twins Romy and Natalia (2 in 6/08) are enrolled in French daycare, and starting to speak the language. They are a joy! Every day brings some new discovery or quirky behavior that makes mom and dad laugh. Steve is doing management consulting for a nearby company and traveling to NY to work regularly as a computer consultant. Anne is launching a new business called foliokraft, specializing in branding and marketing for visual artists. Look for the website soon!

Missy Gentry Witherow: "Hoping that everyone has a fabulous 50th celebration this year. We enjoy living in Charlottesville and are getting ready for (bracing ourselves!) the h. s. years. Next fall, Somer will be in 9th grade and Wallace in 7th."

Dianne Delledera hopes everyone is well. She lives in Paris just 5 min. from the Eiffel Tower. If any of you are going there, let her know!

Annie Fisher McDaniel: "All is great in Houston, TX. I'm still teaching Kindergarten and will finish my M.A. of education in Jun.! Daughter Maggie is a first-year at UVA, son Jack a junior at Episcopal h. s. in Houston. It's great to have an excuse to get back to VA. Tim's law practice keeps him busy. We're all very blessed."

Phyllis Watt Jordan is still in D.C. working as the MD editor for the Washington Post. Her husband is a Navy JAG working at the Pentagon. Their 2 kids, Miranda (10) and Jake (9), are in elem. in D.C. public schools; they're trying to figure out what to do about m. s., which is tricky in D.C. Phyllis saw **Ann Connolly Simpson** last spring when she brought Hannah to town to look at AU; says Ann is married again and seems happy.

Carson Freemon Meinon writes: "I'm getting ready for my oldest to graduate from Texas A&M in May with a finance degree. No job yet, but I'm hopeful to have a much smaller payroll in a few months. Ed and I are going skiing in Steamboat Springs by ourselves for the 1st time since children. I hope we can find things to talk about. Life is going by too quickly. Can't wait to hear all the news from everyone."

Tinsley Place Lockhart: "After nearly 11 yrs John and I have decided to tie the knot on 5/2/08. We're having a small wedding with just family and heading off to the Venice Lido for a week's honeymoon. As his last name is Lockhart and my last name from my former marriage is Lockhart, either I won't have to change the monograms, or may go double-barreled: Lockhart-Lockhart. What do you think? Much love to all!"

Myth Bayoud sees **Susan Boline Thompson** a lot. She lives close by and her daughter is a senior at Lakehill Prep where Myth's son Charlie (9) goes. They've been busy with Charlie's Pop Warner Football—tackle—yikes! Practice starts in Jul., games end in mid Nov. Then basketball! The Bayouds were headed to Lyford Cay, Bahamas for Spring Break to see David's parents.

Lisa Heisterkamp Davis says life is good. Husband Josh left big law firm life a couple of years ago and is happy in his own small firm. Daughter Augusta (18) is having a great senior year at Cambridge School of Weston, using some of her time to plan a benefit concert for New Orleans relief agencies. This summer, she'll be working for the 4th year for Mary Gearhart '78 in the Adirondacks. Dash (15) graduated 9th grade from Fenn School in Concord, MA, and joined his sister at Cambridge this year. Lisa plans to go back to school for an MSW in fall and spend time dreaming of the ways to celebrate the big 5-0 in the not too distant future. "Best to everyone!"

Catherine Flaherty is selling Cancer, Heart Attack, and Stroke Insurance for Platinum Services: "It's a great product/policy; my training in Dubuque went fine, and I've started to sell. Jimmy has a new position running the MN Division of Lanier Parking; poor soul, has to go the Masters the 2nd week of Apr. (there went my girls trip to Vegas). My boys are great. Callaghan will join Killian at Benilde St.Margarets next year in 7th, and Killian will move to the h. s., same campus. All the boys played basketball this year, between the 3 of them they were on 5 teams. Killian is trying out for golf this spring (seems to have given up lacrosse) and Callaghan and Macartan will play baseball on 3 teams each (overkill, I know, but it's school, inhouse city, and travel). I look forward to having my classmates visit in MN to enjoy our lake and laughter."

Mitch Baruch Jeffries: "Turning 50 is looming large, but the alternative is lousy, so I guess 50 is ok. Jane (13) is great; she had an amazing Bat Mitzvah in Jan. and owned the day. As the Rabbi said, she's a force! Charlie graduates coll. in May which seems unbelievable. He's going into broadcast/media sales (we think), though he wants very much to write. An exciting time for him. Jim is happy running his own firm, and he continues to make it grow. I'm busy looking after all of them and Henry, our labradoodle. Planning some travel for the family and looking for the next day off school. I'll be co-chairing the book fair at Chapin (Jane's school, and my *alma mater*) again this year—a lot of fun and a substantial undertaking, but worth the effort. Life's good. Everyone is happy, healthy, and busy. What more can I ask?"

Beth Fletcher Lubin says things are good in Montgomery: "Hill turned 20 (or 5, if you count his real birthdays) on 2/29/08 and I'll hit the mid-century mark this summer. Marvin is still old, having been born that way! Hill is a sophomore at the U. of AL, having a ball and actually making it to class occasionally! Marvin and I enjoy empty nesting a little more each month."

Silky Hart has big news: She's getting married in Oct. in McKinney, TX. They just put an offer on a darling arts and crafts style house in the historic district of McKinney. Silky still loves her work as an expressive arts therapist (*www.silkyhart.com*).

Kathy Love Taylor Erickson will start her 10th year as a 5th grade assistant teacher next year at The Lovett School in Atlanta, GA. She writes: "I'm still taking photos; my first wedding is in Apr. I've been taking photography classes to learn more about the ever-changing digital world. Jon is a partner with Schulten, Ward & Turner law firm. Jon and I joined a Boot Camp last year. I never was a runner and have now run 2 half-marathons, and we both ran the Marine Corps Marathon in 10/07 in D.C. It was the hardest thing I've ever done, but we both finished. Katie (20) is a sophomore at Presbyterian Coll. in SC and Brian (18) a senior at Lovett and a catcher and captain of the baseball team. I see Nancy Hatch Schwartzmiller '79 periodically. Hope everyone is well!"

Kimberly Wood Fuller. I'm back from 2 trips with SBC friends. In Feb. **Janel Hughes Wiles** and I flew over to Paris to visit with **Sally Gray Lovejoy**. Sally was hosting an art show for **Jill Steenhuis Raffato**, we helped her get ready. We had the best time together. Then after being home a week I flew out to Vail to ski with Janel and family, everyone that I work with thinks I live life in the "fast lane." I still work part time, 3 days at Journey House and the other days with my husband at our start-up company Theramatics. We started selling products in 4/07 and are growing steadily. We have over 200 people, some doctors and a few Medi-Spas selling our products—an exciting time for us.

Ginny Faris Hoffman missed Lilly very much at the mini reunion: "**Carol Williamson** is an inspiration, showing us how to triumph, spirit in tact, over some TOUGH challenges to life and limb. She was a lovely host for True, Liz, Lisa, Jeannine, Barbara, Fannie, Catherine and me. It was an investment for me to go to SBC, but Dad, I get a huge return on that investment; I'm still holding council with my SBC buds 30 yrs later. As a bonus, I got a dam good education! Look, I can write. Thanks Dad and Mom. Allison is in Spain, great for her. We're a little blue to think we won't be with her to celebrate her 21st; maybe Jill will step in. Mary is finishing her 2nd semester at UVA, having a great time. Graham starts tennis season his junior yr in h. s. It's fun growing up with these kids! Alan and I are a little less

nimble perhaps, but still happy to wake up each morning and have the chance to go at it again. I LOVE MY SBC BUDS!"

Ann Connolly Simpson writes things are wild and crazy: "I married a guy with 3 kiddos, yikes! My daughter Hannah (19) is a freshman at CT Coll., so if there are any alumnae with kiddos there, let me know! She transferred from Santa Clara, CA! I'm still at The Dragon's Nest Toy Store if you can believe it! Still playing tennis for a 4.0 USTA team in Newburyport and for their North Shore league upper A teams, fun! I'm heading to Charlottesville, VA, in May for a brother's wedding, anyone around I should see? I'm bringing hubby (Charlie), Hannah, and the 2 older step kids (Brooke,17; Danielle, 13). I'll be staying at The Boar's Head, so come by!"

Susan Posey Ludeman has relocated to St. Louis, MI. Come visit to see the famous Arch! She loves her new home.

Eithne Broderick Carlin is well and in mid-h. s. crisis: "Candace is a junior and driving, all restrictions free, so off she goes to Boston, to NH and ME (the little ski bunny) and is "imagining" a "road trip" to FL to visit nana and gramps! I'm ok with the bean town trips and the ski trips, but I still get nauseated with the idea of a road trip. Maybe I have some vague memory of some SBC "road trips"! John's a sophomore and can't wait for his license, if only to quit hitching with the "older sister." Freedom is so essential at 15 ½! Both are thinking colleges, PSATs, SATs, and I'm thinking when did this all happen? I still haven't grown up enough to have college kids! Den is great and the restaurant is hopping. Can't talk about the super bowl though, everyone is still in denial and other than having a record breaking day, the let down from the loss was bittersweet! I'm freaking out at turning 50, having an empty nest in 2 yrs, and what am I going to do for the rest of my life? So there you have it."

Tish Longest Tyler reports that she, **Carolyn Birbick Thomason**, and I (**Lillian Sweeney**) stayed in Lexington in 7/07 for a few nights while Carolyn's son, Paul, participated in a W&L Lacrosse camp: "We drove over to SBC and visited the campus and the Book Shop. We saw Mr. and Mrs. Van Treese (retired French professors) at the Book Shop and enjoyed that. Carolyn and I then met in Paris in 10/07. We enjoyed ourselves so much that we just got back last week from another visit to Paris! A great time. I'm sad to report that my mother passed away in 12/07. I'm busy with my 2 pups, Holly and Jack, who insist on being mischievous all the time!"

Liz Swearingen-Edens is back from the Miracle Strip of Mary-Esther, FL, where she and a handful of SBC 80s reveled in a festive mini-reunion/joint birthday party at the beach house of **Carol Williamson Jenkins**. **Barbara Wesley Bagbey**, **Ginny Farris Hoffman**, **Fanny Zollicoffer Mallonee**, **Lisa Schneider Thornton**, **Catherine Flaherty**, **Jeannine Davis Harris**, and **True Dow Datillio** all made their connecting flights. **Lillian Sinks Sweeney** was contacted by telephone for a virtual visit. Amusements were plentiful and all look forward to the next get-together. Back at home, Joe, Alex, Cary Pippin, and Finley Dog all got along just fine. Liz launched her offshoot business *LizPaper.com* this spring and is pleased to be exhibiting at the National Stationery Show in NYC in 5/08.

Janel Wiles: "Late Jan. I visited Paris, where **Sally Gray Lovejoy** hosted a show for **Jill Ruffato**. Kim Fuller, Jill, and I stayed with Sally and ended up sharing one hair dryer, so it was like dorm life! Then Sally, Kim, and I drove around the Loire Valley in Sally's new mini cooper, a blast. For winter break all the Wiles were in Vail skiing with a group from Marietta (though John left when State Senate was called back into session and older boys had to get back to school), and Kim and husband Brian joined us. Snow was fabulous! With 2 boys at U.GA (both Figis, John, Jr. serving as VP in charge of rush for IFC) we're down to 3 at home. Baseball and soccer are the spring sports for them, we're having fun with that. I continue to practice law and serve on the board of our prep school. Big birthday for many of us this year—happy birthday to all!"

As for me (**Lillian Sinks Sweeney**), I've just started a new full-time job. I'll be coordinating education for the clinical staff at Family Hospice. My head is swimming. John is still pushing new technology in the printing and publishing world. Taylor is a freshman in h. s. and is preparing for his debut in the school musical *Les Mis*. He's also on the rifle team—yes, I did say rifle! Can't believe they put a gun in his hands! YIKES. Happy Birthday to all who have not turned 50 yet! Ok, gang, please e-mail me with email address updates so I can get as many people as possible in the class notes.

1981

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Hello from Annapolis and thank you to all of the classmates who sent me their news.

Elaine Arozarena still lives between Madrid, Spain and NYC. She has been married 13 yrs to Carlos Montero de Alba. They have no children. Elaine is a partner in a Global Boutique, specializing in Human Capital Solutions. Elaine writes "I've been in touch with: Sandra Rapaccioli '80, Wendy Weiler '78, **Wendi Wood**, Jean Otey Barden '78, **Christina Andrews,** Cookie Williams, and since I left the Board of Trustees with Michela English '71 and others…

Michael and **Sandy Meads Turturro** (not Jeffries any longer!) just got back from their honeymoon. Sandy writes "We got married in NY on March 22 and are so happy. It's so much better the 2nd time around! All 3 children were in the wedding; it was wonderful. Youngest Katie has been offered an awesome scholarship to SBC! Of course I am hoping she chooses SBC! My other daughter, Becky, is finishing her sophmore year at UNC. My oldest son is now 24 and works in Boston–loves it there!" Sandy and Michael continue to live in Pinehurst, with their 2 labs, Leo and Lilly and after 27 y rs of teaching still loves it.

Julie Brooke Davis misses the SBC days: "I still enjoy juggling 2 teenage daughters (17 and 15), a wonderful husband (20 yrs in May!), and a job as general counsel to a company with a retail chain of young women's clothing (about 180 stores) and a catalog/website business. I try to volunteer for church (still singing in the choir) and community boards."

Anne Grosvenor Evrard writes from Versailles! "Walter and I opened an antiques and art gallery in the antique district of Versailles. We have 18th and 19th century French antiques and exhibit contemporary artists. **Margaret Robinson Talmadge** and Dan visited us from Belgium with son Douglas. Stephanie Harmon Simonard '72 dropped by with her husband, and Daun Thomas Frankland '74 was among our guests for the inauguration party in December. 3 cheers for SBC alumnae! I've met up with Cornelia Long Matson '58 who has a vineyard in Bergerac. What interesting SBC girls! All 6 children are doing fine. 2 work, 2 in college, and 2 still in h. s. Clotilde was chosen to have the lead role in her ballet school's production of Coppelia and has fallen for her mom's passion for ballet!"

Amy Marshall Lewis sees **Mary Kate Ferguson** regularly. Amy writes "I visited my daughter, Tara, in Australia this fall, a great trip! She's a junior at Vanderbilt. Teddy graduated from Sewanee and is in sales for a Baltimore technology firm. I volunteer with Hospice of Baltimore assisting hospice patients and their families. Bo and I have a house on the market during the worst time in recent history! It's just time to downsize, but timing is everything."

Eve Devine is "grateful that I've been able to keep up with **Brendy Reiter Hantzes**, **Mary Kate Ferguson** and my roommate **Tania Voss Ryan**. Time spent with my dear and special friends is memorable and morale boosting! I'm making arrangements for my niece Colby Doetzer, Class of '13, to tour SBC in Apr. If I had my wish, she'd be a future Vixen and have the distinctive opportunity to spend her college years donning pink and green."

Hedley Sipe Gunther is a nurse practitioner and living in Richmond, VA. Daughter Edie (13) is "a true joy!" Hedley sees **Holly Silsand Ulrich** often, and is occasionally in touch with **Wendi Wood McAfee** and **Whitley Greene**.

Barbara Bush writes "Life is busy. I still work in development, but with more flexibility in my schedule so that I can volunteer! I work for Community Residences (nonprofit) assisting individuals living with mental/physical disabilities. In addition to a variety of hats that I wear, we put on the TASTE of Arlington every May. Daughter Sophie (9) is at The Langley School down the road from our home in McLean and enjoys all the things that 3rd graders do. Hubby Doug still works in commercial real estate development. We look forward to our new weekend/summer adventure living on the waterfront in St. Michael's, MD, away from the city buzz and surrounded by ospreys, swans, and beautiful sunsets. Maybe I'll paint again?!"

Susan Campbell was in St. Barts with her parents and daughter Sarah (21). Sarah is a 2nd year student at Marymount Manhattan, loves NYC. Susan writes "I sold my horse, Noble (bittersweet experience) and am going to take a break from horse ownership for awhile; I still ride 2 times a week at my lesson barn." Susan still volunteers at Women of Change a safe haven for homeless women in Philadelphia. She works as a banker in Real Estate Finance at PNC in Philadelphia and may go to Iceland this summer on a Hidden Trails riding trip. Sarah still runs "for my sanity and vanity." She would love to hear from 1981 SBCers and hopes we can can "pick a destination city and get together?"

Lori Faust Williams writes, "My oldest daughter, Ashli (23) is the "Sheetz" girl. Last year the company chose her for their new ad campaign, so now, at least around here but I would imagine at all the Sheetz, she is the cute blonde in the green shirt on the huge posters hung all over the stores with the "Sheetz works for me" logo. She started working for Sheetz at 15 and still works there today. Sheetz has paid for her college thus far, and she graduates from Lord Fairfax Community Coll. this spring, and then plans to attend George Mason U. Shelby (20) is at Lord Fairfax, interested in becoming an elem. school teacher. Ted (18) graduates h. s. this spring! *Yikes*! When did that happen? I remember his 1st day of kindergarten." Lori and Rusty run Idylwood Farm for retired horses near Winchester, VA. The website is *retirementboarding.com*. Lori says she's "still training and showing reining horses. I'm also starting and setting up a nonprofit corp, called Bulls Bucking Cancer. We buy into ownership of Professional Bull Rider bucking bulls, and the money the bulls make is donated to a medical charity. I'm looking at the charity of St. Judes Childrens Hospital for now."

Stephane Stitt Fitzpatrick writes, "I have a new job as collections manager for the Podesta Art Collection, and my family has been very supportive of a truly hectic work schedule! Perks include travel that brought me up to NYC to visit with **Liz**

Seacord recently!

Kearsley Rand Walsh is living in Arlington, VA, and commuting an *hour* to Herndon everyday. She writes "the only way to keep the NJ road rage in check is "books on tape (actually CDs)." I've heard almost every book ever written. When not driving, I enjoy the calm and peaceful lifestyle of every mother with teenage sons. Angus (17) and Duncan (15) make perfect grades, never bicker, have spotless rooms, and never give the police any reason to call my house."

Helen Masters Durham writes: "We're still living in MN (whose idea was that?), and I'm the director of marketing and ticket operations for the Mayo Civic Center. Buck is still at the Mayo Clinic in cardiothoracic surgery. We're about to send our last, Rob, out of the nest to… yep, you guessed it, H_SC. Ann Husted (21) is still at UNC and Arch (25) lives in and loves NYC. I keep in touch with Mary Ware Gibson '83, the wonders of instant messaging! I had found **Letha Dameron Zackowski** once by email, but it was right before she left for NC and I've lost her again! I caught up with **Whitley Greene** who is in Atlanta and hope someday to get out of the snow and back down south to catch up with SBC friends!"

Liz Seacord writes that her son Sasha will attend The School at the Art Institute of Chicago next year. "We're incredibly proud of him as he was practically accepted on the spot at his interview when his portfolio of photographs and short films was reviewed. When we were in London last month on "spring break," we saw a wonderful show at the Tate Modern on the work of DuChamp, Man Ray, and Picabia. Sasha loved the examples of Dadaism represented there and was thrilled to see in real life what he had known only from reproductions. Shades of Mrs. Moran's 20th-century art history class...

Virginia Donald Latham, **Caroline Hawk Sparrow**, and **Nancy Webb Corkery** traveled to Umbria, Italy, for Laura Evans' ('79) 50th birthday. Rick and Callen went too, although David Corkery couldn't make it. It was an amazing 4-night event with lots of wine and pasta, a once in a lifetime event.

Mary Kate Ferguson bought a house in Baltimore. New puppy Paco, a Welsh Corgi, is doing well and going to puppy classes. She's taking guitar lessons and learning to play "Under the Boardwalk," which she promises to have perfected by next reunion! Mary Kate writes: "I met **Eve Devine** and **Brendy Reiter Hantzes** for dinner at The Tasting Room in Frederick, MD, a few weeks ago. Had lunch with **Amy Marshall Lewis** a while ago in Baltimore. My bookkeeping service, Beeswax Bookkeeping, has done well in its 1st year. I'm still buying and selling junque from auctions, estate sales."

Life in Annapolis is good. Mary (14) graduates from the 8th grade and Elizabeth (11) graduates from the 5th grade. Another been there, done that for many of you, but we're excited. Next year they'll be at the same school. John is busy traveling with his airport consulting business and I still work in graphic design. This spring Mary and I went on a whirlwind trip to Europe for her 8th grade class. It was a lot of fun. The Eiffel Tower was a thrill to see and the Mona Lisa stared at all of the people staring at her. No wonder she has a smirk. I was in Pittsburgh and had lunch with **Liz Winson Sweeney**, always fun. Liz is well and in the midst of renovating a house. Liz and Tom built a house last year, but when this home on a quiet street became available, they grabbed it. Take care, have a wonderful summer and please write to me with your news.

1982

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Monika Kaiser Neheim wins the prize for the 1st classmate to write with news. Thank you Monika! Still an active stage mother/manager/chauffeur, Monika is busy with daughter Alexa's college applications and auditions to musical theater programs throughout the country. Alexa was accepted to several universities along with scholarships. Son Julius (8th grade) excels in math and science. Husband Richard is busy with work and travel. The family plans to visit family in France and Germany this summer.

Busy with her new life in Nashville, TN, **Heather Pirnie Albert** launched a new tax service after being with H&R block for 22 yrs. Husband Mike and youngest daughter Samantha were in Atlanta until May (Samantha's h. s. graduation), but the family planned to reunite in Nashville after commuting back and forth on weekends—only 4 ½-hour trip. They're building a home outside of Nashville. Adding to her busy schedule, Heather spends time on the weekends following up on the construction and looks forward to the "new-car-smell" of the new house and to settling in.

On the vestry of her Episcopal church in Wilmington, NC, **Mary Ames Booker** was baptized by rector and fellow SBC graduate, Rev. Blair Both '65. Now living on her own as an independent, single woman, Mary Ames has embraced this new chapter in her life and credits SBC for teaching her to negotiate the rollercoaster. She was looking forward to visiting friend and coll. roommate **Patti Snodgrass Borda** in D.C. in May, where they planned to tour the museums and sites.

Polk Green claims there's not a lot of news to report, but she and partner Kathy celebrated their 14 yrs of bliss and were planning a trip to NM to celebrate their anniversary. Polk and Kathy live in Lynchburg and care for Kathy's mother, who has Alzheimer's disease and lives close by. Polk enjoys her position as an Engineering Project Mgr. with a local contract soap mfr. for major consumer product brands. She heads the entire plant, manages all capital production equipment and the acquisition and installation of all new machinery as the company expands its capabilities.

Business owner and entrepreneur **Anne Goebel Bain** imports interior finishes (cabinetry, granite stone tops, bamboo flooring, etc.) from China for upscale condo/apartment projects. Her main market is TX; she travels to Houston, Austin, and Dallas frequently to work with developers. As Brigos Corp. business expands, she and her partner will source materials from other South East Asia countries, such as Vietnam and Indonesia. You can visit their website at *www.brigos-us.com.* Anne and husband Mike head to Peru in fall to hike the Inca trail at Machu Picchu and have begun training for their Andean adventure.

Nancy Daugherty Davidson writes from Fairfax, VA, where husband Mike, daughters Meredith, Catherine and Lydia are busy with school, extra-curriculars, and sports.

After a long winter, **Liz Hoskins** looks forward to the spring. Liz still enjoys horseback riding, teaching, and writing.

Gearing up to attend the '08 Summer Olympics in Beijing, **Frances Ruth Fowler Bauerle** is busy with family and work in Athens, GA. She was happy to receive Christmas greetings from our classmate **Leigh Woolverton**'s mother, Mrs. Arnold Woolverton, who enjoys her grandchild and travels in Europe.

Irish dancing competitions keep **Lee Watson Lombardy** and daughter Georgia (11) busy. Lee and family enjoyed a quick trip to VA last fall to visit sister Lynn W. Norfleet '74. They toured Williamsburg, Yorktown, and Jamestown as the historical sites celebrated their 400th anniversary.

Congratulations to **Jennifer Rae** on her membership to the Woman's Club of Bethesda. Jennifer worked on the "Over 60" Fashion Show Fundraiser to raise money for women's job search needs in the Bethesda, MD, area. After 4 yrs she continues to be a proud Rotarian while her business, Invitation to Better Things, LLC, finished its 7th successful year.

Priscilla Ream McPheeter and family were preparing for the upcoming Jun. wedding of son James in Charleston, SC. Daughter Heather '10 will be a bridesmaid.

Martha Tisdale-Cordell writes from Tulsa, OK, where she is the asst. dean, director of admissions and financial aid at the U. of Tulsa Coll. of Law. In addition to her law career, Martha keeps tabs on her 2 teenagers, son Ryan (16) and daughter Mary Louise(13), and cares for her parents who moved to Tulsa a couple yrs ago. Husband David practices law, plays tennis, and enjoys sailing. A lady of many talents, Martha plays tennis and bridge.

Nancy Trimble Howell writes from Tomball, TX, where she lives on a 2-acre "mini-farm." Married for 17 yrs, Nancy is a patent litigation researcher, an avid golfer, and tends her organic vegetable & herb garden. She has a delightful daughter (16) who is home-schooled, plays piano and the Celtic harp. Nancy would love to hear from classmates.

Ethel Burwell-Dowling and husband Ben still enjoy life in the beautiful mountains of western NC. Son Peter and daughter Betsy are in 6th and 4th grade. Ethel enjoys teaching English as a 2nd language at the community coll. and to 6 foreign exchange students at a private h. s. Ethel admits it's an unusual career for a biology major, but confirms the value of a liberal arts degree!

Because of her daughter's coll. graduation, **Rolfe Joyner DeShazor** couldn't attend our 25th reunion. She and husband Tony, her boyfriend from SBC, are now empty nesters. Their youngest child, Maggie attends VA Tech and the older 4 children are now out of coll.: Carrie '03, Christian and Will (VMI '04 and '05) and Mary Kate (Salem Coll. '07). The siblings live and work in NC or SC, so Rolfe and Tony don't see their children as much as they'd like. Rolfe took up running and jogs with a group for 4 yrs and runs several 10Ks a year.

Life is busy in Santa Barbara, CA, for **Gay Kenney Browne**, who launched Greenopia 2 yrs ago, a Michelin type of guidebook for the eco-conscious crowd, also in San Francisco, L.A. and NY with plans to expand to EO markets in the US. They're looking for an investment partner and in May, Gay received an award from the EPA for Greenopia's work on climate change. She has 3 children: Alex, a pilot, graduated from h. s. this year and plans to fly around the world on bio-diesel to promote alternate fuels. Colin (9), is in 3rd grade and excels in spelling and sports; Katey (7) loves to ski, ride horses, and play with her dog, Princess, a King Charles Spaniel, between her local children's theater performances. Tony, husband of 14 yrs, plays golf whenever he can between work and family activities.

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Barbara Tragakis Conner writes: "Still loving my work as college and career center specialist at West Potomac h. s. Lots of career assessments, college searches, résumé writing, college essay reading, et al. Teaching an 18-wk SAT prep course this spring, currently serving on the board of directors of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce as well as our neighborhood board (Oaventry) and on the condo board. Completed national certification recently for Global Career Development Facilitator. Both kids are doing well. Margaret is a sophomore at Hollins and will spend next year abroad in London and son Kit will graduate h. s. He is choosing a college at this time. I see Tania Voss Ryan '81, our PTSA president!

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Susan Detweiler enjoyed working her last full Antarctic field season. She'll switch to shorter contract work and be in the field more than in town; she's psyched. She finished another rock-climbing trip in Australia, and is heading to the active volcano on HI's Big Island to explore hot lava in the tropics, having done so in Antarctica before. Then she heads back to Jackson Hole, WY, for another climbing guiding season in the Teton Range. Last year she missed the guiding season because of an incredible 6+-wk canoe trip in the arctic, during which she and Larry saw zero people. She joined Facebook and has been hearing from classmates via this medium. Photos at *pbase.com/antarctic_suze*. I (**Kelly Meredith Iacobelli**) had a ball watching my daughter's k-class correspond with Susan while she was in Antarctica! The kids would send Susan questions and she would answer enthusiastically, many times with photos to illustrate her answers. Thanks for passing the joy on to "the little people of Marietta," as you called them!

Gussie Dunstan Harrison lives in Sewickley, PA, with husband Woody and 3 children: Harrison (2), Gwen (7) and Millie (11). Gussie is busy substitute-teaching, leading Girl Scout adventures, running 10k races, riding, swimming, and yoga. She's still a vocalist.

Cecilia Moore is a professor of religious studies at the U. of Dayton. She enjoys knitting, reading, writing, traveling, and cooking. I can also add that she serves on the alumnae board and does a fabulous job representing our class!

Tracy Tigerman Shannon says, "Ryan is in 7th grade and Kaitlyn is in kindergarten. John manages a hotel in Lynchburg and is finishing up his educational degree. I still teach 3rd grade in rural VA and am finishing my 2nd M.A. in administration."

Maia Free Jalenak reports in from Baton Rouge, where she has been for the last 19 yrs. She and husband Jay (H-SC '87) look forward to Reunion. She works part time for the Louisiana Art and Science Museum and plays lots of tennis.

Stephanie Wilt Smirnov was promoted to President of DeVries Public Relations, her dream job. She, husband Max, and son Terry (5) have been enjoying spiffing up their new weekend home in the Catskills and were happy to take full advantage of ski season in winter.

Mary Halliday Shaw says, "My twins Jack & Mike (16) are driving and still have their rock band going with some other kids from their h. s. Kevin is 12, in 6th grade, and getting into golf, but soccer is still his passion. Husband Brad (W&L '88) is still at the Home Depot as Senior VP of Corporate Communications. I still teach at Holy Spirit Prep School. Can't wait to see everyone at Reunion!"

Mariam Khan says she's still job hunting through SBC, Linked-In, and her own efforts to find a job in communications and ideally online-editing.

Stacey Sickels Heckel reports that "'07 was a year of transition, my "007" year. I celebrated my 07/07/07 birthday. David and I are (amicably) separating. I complete the Leadership Anne Arundel program at the end of this year and have a new appreciation for the complexities and richness of my community. My synchronized figure skating team, Ice Force One, won the East Coast Championships and came in 4th in the nationals behind Denver, MI, and Boston (big skating towns). Sons Kent (12) and Leland (9) are great, involved in sports, and singing. I'm still executive director of the Foundation for Anne Arundel Community Coll. outside of Annapolis. I've officially bought my "childhood" home from h. s. from my mom (whom many classmates know)."

Scarlett Roitman says, "Our yummy, but naughty baby girl Anaïs Bronte (1) provides much entertainment for her sisters Eloise (9) and Clarissa (18). We still live in London and commute regularly to Southern Portugal and St. Lucia where we're developing most of our properties. I won't be able to make it back for Reunion, but I look forward to seeing photos on Facebook!"

I, **Kelly Meredith Iacobelli**, have had so much fun as our class secretary over the past 5 yrs! We've really grown, and our families have grown. It will be wonderful to reconnect for our 20th reunion! John, Kathleen and I still live in Marietta, GA. I'm the director of marketing for a small company. Kathleen is in kindergarten and on the pre-team for gymnastics. She's also a swimmer and a soccer player. She keeps us running! She'll tell you that she is SBC Class of 2024. I just love that!

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Kate Robinson Hillestad was the hostess for another Jan. mini-reunion weekend at her house in Chester, VA. It snowed as usual! **Krista Biggs**, **Sandy Compton Sellman**, **Allyson Welch Cain**, **Ellen Duffie-Fritz** and I (**Emmy S. Leung**) attended. **Christina Stolz Feldkamp** joined us briefly by telephone.

After 2 ½ yrs in Winter Park, FL, **Sydney Loughran Wolf**, husband Andreas, Schuyler (6), and Charlie (4) moved to Brussels, Belgium. They expect to be there for 3–4 yrs and hope to travel throughout Europe and beyond. While still in FL, the children took swimming lessons from Holly Pflug Allport '84. As an early 40th birthday present to herself, Sydney trained for and completed a sprint triathlon in Orlando in 5/07 with a group of friends.

Sans Good Washington is a Staff Developer with the Daviess County Public Schools in KY. Her oldest, William, is counting down until he can drive! Benjamin is 7, Anne Lawrence is 5. The family travels to Orlando, FL, several times a year to visit family and friends and to go to Disney World!

Abby Carter, Eric Rudenshiold and Alexander (10) have almost completed the renovations of their farmhouse in Fredericksburg, VA. Abby is still riding and teaches dressage lessons. She shows whenever she can.

Whitney Bay Shuck and Quin relocated to Indianapolis, IN, for Quin's job at Rolls Royce Aerospace. Whitney has been able to remain with Maritz and works from home. They have moved into a 1951 ranch and have started renovations.

From **Amy Jenkins Millican**: Jeff and I celebrate 16 yrs of marriage this summer. Last fall we purchased a home in Old Town Alexandria and are renting out our other home. Settling down in one place after 15 yrs of marriage has been fun! I'm manager of marketing and public relations for the American Moving and Storage Association and keep my writing projects alive. My review of Ayaan Hirsi Ali's book, *Infidel*, was published in the last summer's *Naval Intelligence Professionals Quarterly*. We meet classmate **Chris Mohn Carmouche** and husband Christopher occasionally for dinner and to keep the SBC bond alive. Their work, GrassTopsUSA and C4Strategies, has them speaking internationally. Another of our classmates, **Ramona Leonard Riley**, has founded her own non-profit, B.L.I.S.S.—Beauty Lives in Soul & Spirit. She asked me to be on her board; I encourage everyone to visit her website, *www.beautylives.net*, to find out more about this awesome program. We're planning a 3-wk trip to South Africa, taking along our oldest nephew, J. Cabell Neterer, for a h. s. graduation present before he starts as a freshman at Virginia Tech next fall. I wish all our classmates good health and happiness,who knew 40s could be so adventurous and exciting?!

Raquel Hickman Thiebes and family live in FL, but will head off to Germany again this summer: husband George was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in Feb. and will command a battalion. Sons Alex and Tias are busy with Cub Scouts, Little League baseball, and other activities.

I'm gearing up for our 20th reunion in '09, and hope you are too! Important dates, news and reminders will be posted on our group page. Join the Class of '89 Group Page at *http://groups.msn.com/SBC89* to stay up to date. Take care!

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It's been such a long time since I've submitted notes. It's not that I haven't wanted to; it's just a lot of work putting it together. In 12/06, I sent out cards for each of you to fill out and send back to me. Thank you so much for doing so. I know the information is a year old, but I thought you'd like to read it anyway. At the end, you'll see the latest that I've received over the past year. Please enjoy everyone's notes. I love reading them and hearing from you. If you'd like me to include your email address at the end of your notes, let me know. If you would like to send me your updated address, please email me at *jean_benning@hotmail.com* or *jbenning@strohlsystems.com*. Thank you so much for keeping in touch.

Mary Blankenship Niles and husband Jim spent 3 wks over the Christmas '06 in Italy. She teaches a classroom full of 1st graders. She runs into a lot of SBC'ers in Richmond where she lives, and her cousin is considering the hallowed halls of SBC for the future.

Cata McDonald Fernandez was living in Russia in '06 with her husband and 2 girls (4, 2 ½). She was expecting her 3rd in 6/07. Cata loves being a full-time mother, but it doesn't leave much time for anything else. She was learning Russian and how to make Russian meals; her girls love Russian food. They attend a Russian preschool as well. Her email address is *catcourtneym@bellsouth.net*.

Julie Brooks moved to Coral Gables from Miami Beach and still works at the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation as Grants Manager. She completed her M.A. in Public Administration in 6/06 and is working on her M.BA. She keeps in touch with **Lea Harvey**, **Vanessa Rhodes** and **Debbie Lee**

Rachel Renzy Meima's daughter Rose (8) and son Hughes (5) keep her busy driving to/from the ice rink for hockey practice and the barn for riding lessons. The family moved into the house where husband Steve grew up in Bethesda, MD.

Carole Worthington Lumpkin is still in Athens, GA. Julianna Helena joined their family on 10/13/06. Carole says she is such a joy, and they're happy to have her home.

Anne Richardson Lackey and husband Mark started 2 new businesses in '06—both related to real estate. Her oldest stepdaughter and husband had their 3rd boy in '06. Her oldest stepson is a sophomore at GA Southern and her youngest stepdaughter got accepted to U.GA.

Allison Lea Chaby got married 10/28/06 to a Navy man. She was moving to San Diego (hopefully Coronado) where he's stationed. E-mail her at *alea2122@yahoo.com*.

Stacy Gilmore Hanling remarried in 11/05. Husband Scott adopted her daughter Haylie (11) in 4/06. They were expecting their 1st child together in 3/07. She's still active in her church, the Junior League, and being a mom.

Cheryl Bishop Gilman's daughter Jenna turned 14 on New Year's Day '07. Luke was 13 in 3/07, more late nights just like when they were infants. JEB was 11, Levi 7 and Corrie Michaela 4. They're back in school after 3 yrs of classical home schooling. Cheryl reunited with **Irfan Kiratli Latimer** and **ChrisAnne Spehar** at the Rotary Crab Feast in 8/06. Another mini-reunion at ChrisAnne's with Irf, Meg Caulk and **Sarah Andres** before ChrisAnne shipped off to Bagdad. Cheryl ran her 1st marathon, Marine Corps, in the fall of '06 qualifying for Boston. Her birth doula practice is taking off. She enjoys working with moms of all ages during childbirth. She and **Beth Babbitt Bowen** talk about once a month.

Parker Shultis was busy marketing for a computer networking firm and bringing along a new young horse as a show prospect. She sees a lot of Jennie Vance '91, who was expecting in 3/06.

Dr. Mary Wiley is a licensed clinical psychologist in Danville, CA. Her website is *www.drmarywiley.com*.

Joie Roderick Tankard gave birth to 4th child Mary Blir on 1/2/07.

In '06, **Amy Elizabeth Burton** lost her grandmother who had made her education at SBC possible. After her passing, Amy threw herself into her job and has reached new and satisfying goals. She's still with the U.S. Senate Commission on Art and keeps in touch with **Mary Ellen Naff Philpott** and **Suzanne Szak Sohur**.

Elizabeth Farrell Berthsavage lives in NH with husband Ron and 2 children, Katie and Tommy. She has been teaching baking classes part time for 5 yrs at King Arthur Flour in Norwich, VT.

Brandi Beck Fowler still lives in L.A., works in private practice as a clinical psychologist. She and her husband adopted their 1st child in 6/06: Daria Frances, who was born in Russia.

Amy Kathleen Donnelly Tobik lives in Winter Springs, FL, with husband Steve and 2 busy daughters, Katie (11) and Emily (7). Between driving them to soccer practices, games, tennis, violin, art club, and Girl Scouts, Amy finds time to write the lead feature for the Seminole Chronicle newspaper each week. She runs the Accelerated Reader Program at her daughter's elem. and teaches creative writing and an art appreciation class as a volunteer. E-mail her at *amykdtobik@bellsouth.net*.

I have some sad news. **Melissa Grandle** passed away in 3/06.

In 2004, **LuAnn Hunt** spent 2 wks in Africa with a mission team. It was all and more than she expected; she'd love to return one day. In 7/06, grandson Josh was born. In 10/06 her daughter married. LuAnn is blessed with a wonderful son-in-law. She still works for the City of Lynchburg in Communications and Marketing and encourages everyone to visit: *www.lynchburgva.gov* since so much has changed since we were all there.

Tracey Thomas Jones's husband Jonathon went back to seminary to complete his M.A. in counseling. After 8 yrs of ministry, he needed far more training to help the hurting folds in their congregation. Nathaniel (6) is finishing up kindergarten. They had 2nd son Brenna Rhys on 11/4/04 (12 lbs, 1 oz). She isn't sure where they'll be lead next, whether her husband will be a full-time therapist, a better trained pastor, or whether they'll stay in Jacksonville, FL. She keeps in touch with **Linka Weyrauch Parlee**, who went to Serbia to teach in a seminary. Linka teaches counseling while her husband is a theology professor. She hears from **Abby Osteen Reeder**, **Kristen Rider Costello**, and **Amy Offoner**. She'd love to catch up with **Kelleigh Klym** and **Taki Kinoshita Austin**.

KC Cushman Murphy's son Quint (7) is a busy 1st grader. She also has a stepson, Sam (8). KC remarried a guy from Richmond and lives there. For 15 yrs she has worked for Medco. She belongs to a women's leadership organization called Women Unlimited.

Renee Merion Everett is still an attorney in the Chester County District Attorney's Office. She's Chief of the Juvenile Unit. She and husband Greg have been together for over 10 yrs. Her step-daughters are 17 and 18. She and Greg are traveling as much as possible ('04, S. Africa, Kenya and Tanzania; '05, Egypt; '07, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand). They spend every available weekend in the summer at the beach house on Long Beach Island.

Lisa Waldrop Hammerschmidt writes that Trinity (7) is a first-grader, and Link (5) is in his last year of preschool. Kurt keeps busy with tennis and work around the farm. Their barn is full with 20 horses, 3 foals due in 3/07, 4 dogs, 3 cats. She dedicated summer '07 to work on her judge's license promotion to big "R" status.

MaryEllen Naff Philpott reports that Ben works in the ER and helps "farm" their land. They garden heavily and plan fruit trees for the future. Her family of 5 (3 girls) have been in their new home for a year. She lives close to her mom, helps her out, and helped plan a heritage journey for their family of 20 to Switzerland and Germany in 6/06.

Amy Calandra Davis: "I don't know if you remember, but at the last reunion I went to, (at least 5 yrs ago) my youngest son was ill. As a preemie he had medical complications. I lost him not long after that and have since then gone on to remarry and have another son (1) whose name is Devon. So, I now have 2 boys, Nick (10) and Devon, and 2 step-daughters, Madi (11) and Lexie (9). A full house. A couple of yrs after Zachary passed away I started a business called Light of Mine Designs, inspired by him. After only 3 yrs, the business has grown. My husband works for the company; we employ a full-time artist as well as part-timers. My work has allowed me the joy of sharing Zachary's memory with people from all across the country through our hand-painted children's keepsakes and our Little Star Outreach. Please visit my website if you get the chance, you can email me from there too (*www.lightofminedesigns.com*). I'd love to hear from any of you.

Candace Collins Preston opened her own law practice in 1/06 and is busy with daughter Sylvia (3). She attended the '06 Homecoming Gala at SBC and enjoyed seeing **Claire Williams Navarro** and daughter Kaitlin. She was excited to see the changes, especially the move of the dance department from the gym to the theater building.

In 8/06, **Chiara Ascari Bailey** wrote, "My baby, Rosalia turned 2 last 7/4 and is excited about the upcoming birth of her little brother, due on or around 8/29. My husband, Scott started a new job at EMC and is now in a position to do a good deal of work from home. This summer we traveled to Italy so that the family could meet Rosalia, and we also relaxed at the Outer Banks with some friends."

In 2/07, **Jacqueline Vonder Haar Hanephin** wrote: "After I left SBC, I moved back home. Then I went to TX where I had a bicycle accident. I was in a coma for 33 days in 1989. Life is good now. I'm married to Simon (Sam); we're on our 4th child. Stacy is 13, Nathan is 11, and Simon the 5th is 22 mos. The new baby boy is expected 3/7/07."

Kelleigh Klym, 4/07: "I'm living outside of Calgary, on acreage with husband Frank Friesen and my stepdaughter Heather. We enjoy living close to the mountains and even closer to Spruce Meadows. Heather and I share a passion for horses, and we both compete on the Hunter and Jumper Circuit. We hope to go to Thermal next winter and visit SBC in 3/08. I enjoy my career in Paediatrics. My colleague and I developed a clinic for marginalized youth. We presented our experience at the Society for Adolescent Medicine, in Denver, CO. We work with homeless and at-risk youth. Some of the children involved in prostitution are as young as 11, and the majority have significant chemical addictions. We're embarking on a research project based on some of our clinical observations related to the substance abuse. My chemistry background will be helpful in this endeavor. Although I'm involved in a variety of other programs, this clinic and these patients make the greatest difference in my life. I would be happy to accept any students/interns pursuing a career in medicine or public health or have an interest in this population. Our life is full: Frank is also a physician, Heather is a teenager, plus we have 2 Jack Russell Terriers, horses, and numerous cats."

Now for the 2008 News: **Ann Beatty Malone** still works part time for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. Alexandra (4) loves preschool. Sam enjoys m. s. and played football for the first time.

Dolly Garcia writes: "Everything is great here in Puerto Rico. Just got back from skiing in CO. No one broke anything and Miguel Juan made the snowboard black diamond club."

Meg Caulk was married last summer and is now Meg Stephens.

Beth Pesiri Solamita expects her 3rd child this year.

Sonja Gruhl Dupourque accepted the position of Recruiting Coordinator at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP, an AMLaw 100, national law firm, based out of L.A. (since 1927), with 500 attorneys practicing in 10 offices in CA, NY, DC, and

Shanghai: "I'll be the Recruiting Coordinator for the Summer Associate Program and Lateral Associate Attorneys in the Del Mar Heights and San Diego offices! This is an incredible opportunity recommended by my friend and a partner at the firm. I'm honored and look forward to my new "home away from home," taking root and growing in this position. As a family, after much thought, consideration and prayer, we're excited about this new adventure! Hopefully, like other dual-career families (make that a "multi-career family," since Stephan's also in law school), we'll figure out our "work-life" balancing act as we go!? Stay tuned."

Lea Harvey writes: "I left my job as director of foundation and corporate relations for World Wildlife Fund to become VP for Development at BoardSource, an organization working to strengthen nonprofits nationwide by increasing the effectiveness of the boards that lead them. My partner, Kiki, and I celebrated our 17th anniv. We have a little house and a big garden in Falls Church, VA, with 3 dogs: Russell (Jack Russell/Beagle), Maya (Dachshund/Spaniel), and Frankie (long-haired dapple Dachshund). Kiki is a personal trainer and fly-fishing guide, so our free time is spent biking, hiking, kayaking, and fly-fishing. I've not been great about keeping up with classmates, with the exception of **Debbie Lee**, who I see once a month or so for Chinese food and a movie. I keep in touch with **Julie Brooks**. On the family front, younger brother Christopher, a lieutenant commander in the Navy, is being deployed on the ground in Iraq, despite the lack of an ocean. He'll be there from Apr. through Jan., so I'd like to ask that everyone keep him and all the other amazing men and women serving in this terrible war in their thoughts."

Amy Elizabeth Burton: "I love my job in the Senate Curator's Office and am grateful for SBC leading me to Art History. This year I'm documenting the restoration of "Henry Clay in the U.S. Senate" and identifying the insect species in the frescoed corridors of the Capitol building. As a gardener, however, I've yet to thwart the robber bunnies and ravenous deer."

Amy Kroeger, soon to be Dr. Amy Kroeger writes, "Going to Wash U. in St. Louis for my Emergency Medicine residency. Anyone from St. Louis please get in touch! My research project got national recognition by the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. Have seen Ann and Chris, love Chris for her help when I broke my ankle—on the mend and movin' forward."

Stacy Gilmore Hanling: "I'm well. Son Jacob was born 3/9/07. I still live in Mount Pleasant, SC, with husband Scott and enjoy life as a stay-at-home mom. My daughter (12) is in 7th grade at Ashley Hall. She's a year-round swimmer."

Brandi Beck Fowler: "I still live in L.A. with my husband and daughter Daria (3). This past fall I had the joy of being visited by 3 lovely vixens: **Beth Malloy Butler**, **Tisa Delaney Pearce**, and **Elizabeth Mason Horsely**. We had fun catching up; I loved showing them around L.A."

Jennifer Chambers Glenn lives in Manassas, VA, with husband Steve and 3 children. She enjoys home schooling her 2 sons, Daniel (5th grade) and Peter (3rd grade), and preschool-daughter Greta.

Candace Collins Preston: "I'm handling family and criminal law cases. My daughter Sylvia (4) loves to dance as much as I do. Husband Peter is her favorite partner. I returned from a Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic—incredible. I loved the people, the culture, using my Spanish, and especially the dancing!"

Taki Kinoshita Austin: "Husband Alastair and I are still in London, and our big news is that I had a wonderful late 40th birthday present: a lovely daughter called Eve Alice (7 lb, 13 oz), born 2/13/08. Now, we're thinking about moving to the suburbs for more space."

Beth Pesiri Solamita, Stamford, CT: "Grace (4) and Jack (2) are going to have a sister in Jul. Rudy (2) the dog is good. I still work at the same job (10 yrs) doing social work and admissions at a preschool of 400 children (Grace attends). The family is doing fine."

Faith Harvey Souder: "My 2 daughters are growing up fast. Danielle (20) attends National Business Coll. and helps out at the SBC Book Shop. Samantha (14) looks forward to h. s. next year. I enjoy the girls and helping Mom remodel her house on weekends. I've been the Personnel Director for Augusta County for 5 yrs and have found the dream job. I love dealing with people and seeing them grow in their careers."

Julie Brooks is still working on getting her MBA and buying a house in Miami.

Meg Caulk Stephens: "I got married in 9/07 to Karl Stephens, and there were several SBC alumni in attendance. The ceremony was held by the water in St. Michaels on MD's Eastern Shore where we love to boat. We'll continue to live in the D.C. area. I still work at the National Air and Space Museum."

As for myself, **Jean L. Spillane Benning**: I still work for Strohl Systems, enjoy the travels they send me on. I have 3 girls, Emma (6), Paige (5) and Tara (3). My husband started his own company called Peanut Butter Software (*www.peanutbuttersoftware.com*), a child-friendly computer interface that sits on top of Microsoft Windows. Please visit the site!

If you need addresses or want a classmate's email address drop me a line and I'll do the best I can to get it. If you're looking for someone from the class, this is the best way to get in touch with them. I look forward to hearing from more of you in the future!

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Melinda Wick Aufmuth and husband enjoy living in Greenville, SC, with Maggie (2). They visit with Claire Batson '91 and Nicole Gauthier '91 often, and they had a girls' weekend in New Orleans without children that they enjoyed (sounds wonderful Melinda!). She hosted a baby shower with Nicole Gauthier '91 in Mar. for Donna Peters '91 due in Apr. **Sharon Watts** and **Ann Knoke** attended.

Jackie Geets Henry is busy with 3 children. Oldest Charlotte starts kindergarten in Sept., and Jacques (4) and Phelps (19 mos) will be in preschool. They're excited about summer trips to the beach, Vancouver, and New England and plan to see **Pokey Dupont Schiff**. Jackie keeps in touch with **Lisa Crego** (who moved to Seattle) and **Jenny Brodleib Cacioppo**.

Kelly Brown Estes teaches 4th grade at Rappahannock Elem. Ben is in 6th grade, Julia Katherine in 3rd; they're busy with soccer and activities. Husband Ken started his own business last Jun. running a trucking company. They're building a new house and hope to move this summer. They see **Heather Metzler Allen** and family frequently. Their kids are close in age and enjoy playing together.

Cara Ardemagni Laroche doesn't have much to report, but with daughter Francesca (2 1/2), I bet life is far from boring! Cara still enjoys teaching math at The Ellis School. Husband Bob is student-teaching and in the process of earning his secondary math certif. She hopes everyone is healthy and well!

On 10/1/07, **Kimberly Olmstead Calhoun** welcomed Henry Clay into the family; it has been wonderful to add some blue to all the pink they have! "Henry is a joy and we're blessed by him all the time. Lily (7), Caroline (5), and Margaret (3) are mommies and my best helpers." Kimberly home schools and enjoys the time it gives them together, "even though it can get crazy and loud and messy; we know we're right where we need to be." She still gets together with **Holly Caswell King**, who lives around the corner.

Megan Spadaro Proffitt is a stay-at-home mom and continues to do lots of tutoring in the evenings. She's able to ride her 2 horses more often and is competing in combined tests and horse trials every month. Chase (7) enjoys baseball, and Maggie (5) loves to ride like her mom!

Tracy Steele's 2 girls are finishing kindergarten and pre-K, will start school in fall at Agnes Irwin, an all-girls school! Her family enjoys traveling, playing tennis, shore weekends, and their Great Pyrenees puppy. They visited **Kimberley Euston** and family in Atlanta around Thanksgiving. Tracy has been named hiring partner for the Philadelphia office of Morgan Lewis and enjoys her professional and personal life!

Meg Moss Guegan and Sebastien bought a house in Ashburn, VA, last summer and love the neighborhood and reduced commute. Charlotte (3 in Jun.) is "as adorable as ever!" She loves hanging out with Auntie **Charlotte Bonini**! Meg is still the director of advancement communications at the NRA, enjoys it. They spent Christmas in France with her husband's family and look forward to their trip to HI this summer to visit her folks. Life's good!

Erica Thomson has had a busy year! She changed companies and is now a Sales Manager with NICE Systems. She was married on St. Patrick's Day '07 to Nathaniel Lynch and is pregnant with their 1st child.

Stacey Simpson is getting married in Sept. to Ed Camelli, "an old friend and not so new love." (Sounds like there's a good story here Stacey!) She still loves working in the Animal Health Industry and fussing with her 2 event horses. Her 9-yr-old horse will be doing his 1st CCI** this spring and her 4-yr-old is learning the basics. She keeps in touch with her SBC friends, but not as much as she would like, looks forward to her Christmas card from **Megan Reed Lindberg** and **Joan Dabney**. "It's fun to watch the kids grow up." She talks with **Marilyn Adams**, **Tracey Keller**, and **Catherine Freeman**.

Kelly Arden Friedman, who attended SBC our freshman/sophomore years, keeps in touch with **Lisa Newman Fransico**, **Erinne Guthrie Zohlman** and **Pamela Shea**. She and family live in Atlanta, GA. Kelly has son Carter (3 ½) and daughter Amelia (9 mos). Her husband is a law partner at McKenna Long & Aldridge, and Kelly works for Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals. She's involved in the Junior League of Atlanta and Northside/Springlake FRIENDS, an organization benefiting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

"Our days are busy," writes **Kelly Morton Robinson**. Husband Chuck sold his precious metals reclamation business and is on a new adventure. Kelly is a full-time chauffeur to 3 active children! Andrew, going into 7th, runs cross country, plays basketball and golf. Hannah, going into 6th, plays soccer and basketball on a competitive team. Caroline, going into 3rd, plays tennis.

Jennifer Valentine VanNess and Jim are still in Richmond with their children,

Ashton (8) and Hank (6). They're busy with the kids' sports, their own sports, and everything else. Jen still sells real estate, which is much easier now that the children are in school.

Amy Dickson Riddell and Tim still live in Mandeville, LA. They celebrated their 15th (WOW!) wedding anniversary (11/07) and can't believe they've been married so long: "Time flies when you're having fun!" Their girls are growing fast. Lauren (11) is in 6th grade, Emily (9) is in 3rd grade and Grace (7) is in 1st grade. They stay busy with the 3 of them: Lauren is into dance and on a competition dance team at her studio (she's really good); Emily plays soccer and wants to try out for travel team in fall. Grace dances and plays soccer, but wants to try softball. Amy writes, "If you ask her, she's going to be a STAR in Hollywood!" Tim still works for Ochsner as a family practice doctor and is the lead physician for his department and the internal medicine department. He stays busy but has time to coach Emily's soccer team. Amy is still working as a preschool teacher. She teaches 4-yr-olds and LOVES it! She's involved at her girls' schools on the executive board of the PTA and in the office. Tim and Amy play competitive volleyball in a league and soccer in a league for adults over 30. She keeps in touch with Leigh Matzdorf Chancler '91, **Trisha Pollock Best**, **Cara Ardemani LaRoche**, and **Abby O'Steen Reeder**. Amy was sad to miss reunion, but her youngest sister, Alyssa, graduated from h. s. that same weekend. Amy misses everyone, email her: *amyriddell@hotmail.com*.

As for me, **Tricia Pheil Johnson**, I still own/teach StrollerFit in Frederick, MD, and 5/08 will mark my 2nd anniversary. I also teach a mat-based pilates class, Restore the Core. I'm exhausted at night from exercise and the "terrible 2s," but I love both! Amelia Grace turns 3 in 6/08. She started ballet in Jan. and will be a butterfly in The Lion King in Jun. We're looking forward to our annual trip to the Outer Banks this summer with my parents and grandparents.

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Happy spring and summer! I'm having a good time putting together our class notes and look forward to the 3 times a year when I can reach out to y'all and hear about your lives. Thank you for being wonderful and regular contributors!

Rachel Briers Bell says '08 has been something for the Bell family. Son Jack (2) was diagnosed with Stage IV Hepatoblastoma, a very rare childhood liver cancer, on 1/2/08. He has been undergoing chemo since and the family expects to make their way to Cincinnati in the future for surgery to either remove the tumor, if possible, or have a liver transplant. Friends have been able to follow Jack's progress on *caringbridge.org/visit/thomasjacksonbell*. In the midst of this, Rachel gave birth to Sam on 2/5/08. He was 3 wks. early (7 lbs., 14oz., 20.5 in.). Rachel and Ed feel blessed to now have 3 beautiful boys. Charlie (5) and Jack are terrific big brothers and wonderful little helpers. Rachel is looking forward to hearing from everyone.

April Collins Potterfield has wonderful news! She's still at Westminster Coll. as an Assist. Professor and Health Professions Program Coordinator, a year away from tenure (hopefully). She had 2 professional publications accepted this past year and gave 8 presentations at biology conferences. Russell is in his 5th yr as President of Battenfeld Technologies, enjoys it. Benjamin (4) is delightful. April and Russell were able to travel with him this year, although they have slowed down a bit, since they're expecting! After struggling with making baby number 2 for 3 yrs, they've finally been successful. April was 24 wks. at the time of this submission in early Mar. and is expecting twins in late May/early Jun.! They don't know whether they'll be boys, girls, or both, looking forward to the surprise. The timing is good, as April will finish this semester (if bed rest can be avoided) and return for a reduced semester load in the fall. The Potterfield family has been blessed.

Wynn Cole Burr tells me that things are pretty crazy. Jackson and Ann Mason turned 3 on 11/01/07. On 11/17/07, Wynn had Catherine Harrison. They call her Harrison. She was 8 lbs., a big difference from the first 2! But life with 3 is great, and Harrison is the easiest baby ever. Jessica Meier ('98) is her godmother. The Burr family will be in Boston this summer visiting Jessica and husband Darren. They see **Katie Campbell Brumley**, **Lee Foley Dolan** and **Buff Barkley Ramsey** quite a bit. **Jessica Crowley** visited over New Year's; Wynn says it was great to see her after so long. She has seen **Rachael Boyd Belmonte** a couple of times since Christmas. Wynn says she's up to her eyeballs in motherhood and hopes everyone is great!

Robin Fishburne writes: Joe and I have a new godson, Mason Paul Bucciero! This handsome man belongs to Sarah Betz Bucciero '97 and Paul. We attended Mason's baptism on Easter weekend in Concord, NC. It was wonderful to see everyone! Gibbs is now a "true" 3 yr old. She's as independent as her mother. Everything's great in Greenville, SC!

Paige Vaught Campion always writes her notes directly to you girls, and I try to keep them that way, since they're so wonderful: "Hey girls! I always love reading notes from everyone; please keep up the great notes! I had my 2nd baby girl, Olivia Layne, 8/04/07. She's a sweet baby like Ellie was. Ellie (4) is a great big sister, loving Olivia and helping me all the time. I've enjoyed being home a lot more; working from home doing the mortgage business and being a mom, too, has been a great fit. Due to my pregnancy last summer and the fall with a newborn, I haven't seen any SBC friends, which makes me sad. I did go to a Raleigh SBC get-together that was very nice in Jan. I saw several girls I hadn't seen since SBC days (from the classes of '97 and '98 mostly). It was wonderful to be a part of SB day, meeting a few prospectives and old friends, too. I hope you'll call or e-mail me if you're in the area; we have plenty of room for visitors. Miss you, love to all, Paige".

Lee Foley Dolan and Duke were expecting their 3rd child in May. Brother Henry (6) and sister Mattie (3) are excited to welcome a new baby. They're hoping for a boy, which they've already named Ted! The Dolan's hope to move this spring or summer to accommodate the growing family. Lee completed a 3rd year as president of the Children's Museum of Richmond Guild and looks forward to serving as a volunteer again. In Apr., Lee, **Laura Lechler**, **Katie Campbell Brumley**, **Jesse Durham Strauss**, and **Hilary Carlson Katerberg** met for lunch in Richmond, children in tow.

Wonderful news from **Imogen Slade**! She married college sweetheart, Chip Rex (VMI '95) in 12/07. They live in Warrenton, VA, where Imogen continues to teach m. s. English at the school she attended growing up. Chip works remotely for his family's appraisal firm based in Chicago. Congratulations, Imo and Chip!

Jesse Durham Strauss, Oron, and Anna are doing well. Jesse enjoyed seeing **Hilary Carlson Katerberg**'s adorable son Matthew (born 1/03/08).

Jen Beck Locke and family are great in their new home! Hunter is the General Manager for Georgia-Pacific in Chattanooga. They love the area and enjoy seeing all the sights and taking advantage of arts and culture offered in a bigger city. Even more exciting, they were looking forward to the birth of the newest addition to the Locke household, due in late May, gender will be a surprise! Marte (4 ½) started t-ball and is one of the only girls on the team. She has her mom's athletic ability and love of sports (Jen is also her head coach). She begins kindergarten in Aug. Jen says Marte is as melodramatic and vulgar as her and that she is amazed by her every day. Thomas (2), all boy, goes to "school" 2 days a week. He's a little shy, but devious and destructive, tons of fun. Jen is still at home full time and loves being with the kids. They would love to have ANY SBC girls come visit; they have lots of room and lots to do in the area. She sends love to all!

Constance Bump Holman and Steve live in Charlotte, NC, and became proud parents of identical twin boys last Oct. The twins are called Steven and Barry, after Constance's husband and father. Congratulations to the Holmans!

After 9 mos. in the Seattle area, working for Ste. Michelle Wine Estates, **Leah Jorgensen** returned to Portland, OR, in 9/07. She's director of marketing & communications at Adelsheim Vineyard in Newberg, OR. Leah finished her 1st novel, *The Vale of Enna*, about an Italian-American workaholic vintner who mourns the loss of her daughter, following the myth of Demeter and Persephone, and is seeking a literary agent. She's excited about attending writers workshops this summer at the Sitka Center for Arts & Ecology on the OR coast. Leah was thrilled to attend Mary Oliver's poetry reading in Portland this past Feb., and cherished the chance to say hello again during her private reception. Outside of work and writing, Leah is a member of the OR Environmental Council, the Portland Culinary Alliance and volunteers for the William Temple House serving Portland's working poor. She was thrilled to reunite with **Meg Magistro Arcadia**, **Eileen MacMurtrie**, and **Cindy Rakow Readyhough** over the holidays, and enjoys getting reacquainted with other SBC alumnae on Facebook.

For **Eileen MacMurtrie**, life is exciting! She graduated from Villanova U. with her M.A. in Science of Nursing with a focus in Adult Health in 12/07. She works for the Department of Neurosurgery at the Hospital of the U. PA and hopes to transition to nurse practitioner soon. Eileen described her wonderful visit with **Meg Magistro Arcadia**, **Cindy Rakow Readyhough**, and **Leah Jorgenson** this past Dec. Meg and Cindy introduced their babies, Nico and Sam, to each other, and Eileen got to share the exciting news that she's expecting her 1st baby in 7/08! She says thank goodness for her fellow SBC gals to show her the ropes!

As for me, **Amy Daugherty Michel**, life is good! Sam still works full time and goes to school, which keeps me busy taking care of everything else, but I love it. On 3/9/08, Xander turned 1, and I can't believe how quickly the time passed. At the end of Mar. I was able to spend time with **Mary Copeland Dellinger**, who was in Tucson for work. Not only did I get to host her here at the house for an evening, but we also got a girls' night out, complete with good food, great wine, and excellent conversation! Although I talk to Paige, Imo, Mary, and others quite frequently in between notes, I'm hoping to see more SBC friends in the coming months. As always, if any of you find yourselves in the area, we'd love to see you. Until next time, take care, and my very best to you and your families!

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My apologies for not having notes in the last 2 magazines. I'm back on track so you'll be up to date from here out. Our 10 year reunion was wonderful, great turnout. It was great to see everyone, but my favorite part was watching our children play together. Little Kenny Bills (son of **Katrina Balding Bills**) was the token boy; he held his own with the young ladies! Lots of future SBC gals running around in pink and green. Abby Burtner ('25– my daughter), Anna Rexrode ('25– **Amy Cook Rexrode**), and Alexis Campbell ('27– **Cassie Thomas Campbell**) proved they can concentrate while in a dorm room as they spent an afternoon coloring together at the desks in Glass! Other future Vixens and SBC husbands attended, but weren't quite old enough to join in the weekend-long play date!

Jill Meadows reports that Keegan just celebrated his 2nd birthday. He's fascinated with his shadow, loves to sing "The Wheels on the Bus," and has discovered chocolate. Jill finishes her IT classes in Jun., then it's off to an internship at a still unknown destination.

Tanya Ketchum writes, "This year has been very difficult (with the passing of my father) yet interesting. It was nice going to reunion and seeing people I hadn't seen in a long time and getting to know those that I hadn't been acquainted with before. I've been finishing a 136 unit condo project. It has been a great experience, looking forward to another one. In summer, the Charleston area club had a nice luncheon at the Carolina Yacht Club in honor of returning students. I was happy to brag to the alumnae about having a reunion and all the new and wonderful things happening on campus. Through the lovely **Nessim Al-Yafi**'s invite on Facebook, I rekindled a friendship with **Sherine Elbanhawy**. She's well in Egypt married with 2 sons. Another friend that has popped back in my life is Lisa Haas '96. The newly engaged Lisa is well in Charleston, WV, with daughter. For Christmas, I'm looking forward to going to Honduras with my mother."

Checking in from Charlotte, NC, is **Cape Healey Boyd**. The Boyds have been there for over a year and have settled in nicely. Cape says, "I LOVE it here!" Her twins, Aiden and Katherine, turned 2 in Feb. She loves staying home with them and seeing the wonder and amazement every time they learn something new. Brian is still in pharmaceutical sales and is doing well in his new territory.

Stacey McKimm Stevens earned her doctorate in '05 and lives in GA with husband, Rick, and baby girl, Mattie, born 5/07. She keeps in contact via e-mail with Cory and Jessica Meier. Jessica got married in 6/07.

Lucinda Polley Howe writes from Montgomery that the Howe Family is great. Sarah (6) is in 1st grade and Anne Rollins turned 1 in Jun. She plays lots of tennis, and is busy with the girls' and Jon's schedule, the church, and other activities. They went to MN over July 4th to see Jon's family, traveled to Sea Island, GA, in Aug. with her family, and to Nashville over the holidays.

Gina Miller Brown was sorry to miss Reunion. She saw pictures; it looked like everyone had fun. Gina and Marc welcomed Mason Tucker on 8/14/07. She had a wonderful pregnancy and fairly easy birth. So far he has been equally as easy, a happy boy. She loves staying home with him and taking time away from her teaching career. They enjoy getting together with **Robin Beaulieu Ellef** and her 2—Trey (2) and Taylor (5).

From Atlanta, **Maia Pearson Bannan** says: "I had a wonderful time at our 10-yr Reunion catching up with **Katy McCartney Gilliam**, **Courtney Lammers Hemmer**, **Jen Lister Coope**, and **Kathryn Cunningham Schweizer**, and seeing everyone I haven't been in touch with!" She had her baby 8/10/07, a son, Casner James.

Katie Gilliam and Dave have been married for 6 yrs and have 2 children. Scott is 4 and Anna 2. She works part time as director of sales for a children's clothing company, Lizajane Baby (*www.lizajanebaby.com*) and finished her 2nd Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. She did the walk in Charlotte, NC, with **Katie Clarkson Robertson**—an amazing experience. She loved being able to do it beside a classmate. She was captain of a team called the Pink Pacers and Katie was their adopted member. Her team walked 39.3 mi. and raised $32,000!

Kathryn Black Watson and family welcomed Robert Allen 8/06. After Caroline (8) and Elizabeth (5), she's learning that boys sure are different than girls! She returned from hosting a baby shower for **Elizabeth Hunter Ferguson** at **Courtney Burt Harper**'s home in Richmond where she caught up with Katie Campbell Brumley '96 and Wynn Cole '96. She met Courtney's daughter Brooke, a treat! All are great; Elizabeth looked gorgeous with those twins in her tummy! Kathryn is still CEO of her home, loves it! She misses teaching, but having 3 of her own calls for tons of patience. She likes to spend it all on her own children for now!

Leighton Barrett Strong, also in MS, married Chris 12/17/06 after planning a big wedding for 4/07. Plans changed when Chris' father was diagnosed with cancer. It was progressing rapidly so they planned a wedding in less than 48 hours and were married on the rooftop of the parking garage of the hospital at sunset. Despite circumstances, it was perfect. She just hates that her SBC friends weren't able to share the experience. They're expecting their 1st baby 2/1/08 and are living in Jack, MS, (population 6) just outside of Jackson. She sees sister Susan Margaret '94 often and her children, Charlie (2) and Benjamin (4 mo.).

Lindsy Rollenhagen Zook writes: Jimmy and I are well. I've been tutoring a home school family this school year which I love! I'm still volunteering at the crisis pregnancy center where I meet with young women and encourage them to choose life for their unborn children. It's a ministry that I'm blessed to be a part of. Jimmy is still at Hoober, Inc. but is looking to change jobs soon. In Sept., we headed to MI for Lisa DuCharme's wedding to Tristan Elwell and caught up with **Katie Gummerson Altshuler**, **Kara Vlasaty Smith**, Margaret **Jenkins**, and **Katy Seder**. I'm looking forward to another mini-reunion in Aug. for Katy Seder's wedding to Adam Karon. If anybody is ever in the Lancaster County, PA, area please let me know. We'd love to have you stay for a visit! Hope everyone is well.

While anxiously awaiting the arrival of her twins (boy and girl) in 1/08, **Elizabeth Hunter Ferguson** writes from doctor-mandated bed rest (house arrest as she called it!) that she and John still live in NYC and plan to be here for the long-haul, even after the arrival of their babies. They moved into a larger apartment in preparation for the Ferguson family to double in size! She had a wonderful time at her baby shower in Richmond and was able to take their annual trip to the beach with Courtney, husband Eric, and daughter Brooke in Aug. She traveled to Hattiesburg 4/07 to meet Kathryn's new son.

From Midlothian, VA, **Kate Hall Lombardi** says Max started preschool this year and Grace is a 1st grader. She still works for Weight Watchers, loves it. She and Ben took the kids to SBC where they toured the campus and canoed on Sweet Briar lake. Grace watched her 1st horse show and can't wait to get to SBC in '19 with her own horse.

Right next door in Richmond are **Nicole Ketleher-Linkonis**, husband Rich, and precious Gabriela Marie "Gabi" who arrived 2/9/07. On 7/1/08 she'll begin her 4th of 5 yrs of Radiology Residency at the Medical College of VA. The end is in sight! She keeps up with **Kristen McCowan DeLargy**, **Holly James Trent**, and **Gina Miller Brown**. Holly is married to her h. s. sweetheart, Jason, 6/2/07, and relocated to Lynchburg where she's an attorney for Edmunds & Williams. Kristen has 2 beautiful boys, Daniel and Davis, and Gina has an adorable little boy, Mason.

Heather Benhard Zander is a veterinarian in Northern CA, where she and husband Duke care for their one horse (training for dressage), 2 dogs, 2 cats, and 9 chickens (great eggs!). No kids—yet! She keeps in touch with **Nicole Ketleher-Linkonis** but hasn't been back to SBC since graduation.

Ticia Harbour Berg and family have had major life changes. Scott was medically retired from the Navy (multiple surgeries) after injuring his back while flying his F-18/Superhornet over Iraq on deployment last year. He's recuperated and is adjusting to civilian life. They're all loving it (no more deployments!). They've moved back to Vienna, VA, and are thrilled to be home again! Their little ones, Mary Ashleigh and Austin are in morning preschool, Ticia decided to go back to work part-time for defense contractor, Wyle Laboratories, as a systems engineer and cost analyst. She works while the kids are in school in the morning and while they nap in the afternoon, usually from home, the perfect arrangement. They get together with Tara Moran Weyer '96 and husband frequently.

Sending a big "hola, hola" from Iraq is **Alicia Allen**! She was sad to miss Reunion, but was deployed in Baghdad. "It's hard to believe I've been in the country for over 12 mos.! I'm over half way there! I'm assigned to the Psychological Operations Task Force (POTF-IZ). I'm not part of the 'surge,' but it does affect our mission here." Alicia, we'll all be sure to keep you and your fellow soldiers in our prayers.

Amy Yakubinis Adams married Andrew Scott Adams of Newton Square, PA, on 6/29/07 and honeymooned in Israel. Andrew is the General Counsel for an internet hosting company based in Phoenix and Amy is still at The Center for Arizona Policy (CAP) as the director of the grassroots network. CAP is a pro-life, pro-family nonprofit organization associated with Focus on the Family.

For the 1st time since graduation I received news from **Melanie Kilgore Tuggle.** She and Michael will celebrate their 9th anniversary 5/08. They live in Charlotte, NC, where Michael is coordinator for Hawthorne Management Company. As well as being a stay-at-home mom, Melanie is an active volunteer with La Leche League International. She has been involved with the organization for 7 yrs and was accredited as

a Leader in '03. Her focus is empowering women who are dealing with isolation and general lack of support in their mothering. The group she chose to serve is in a rural area outside of Charlotte. They're proud parents to 3 kids. She says, "Our firstborn is son Kaleb (7) in 2nd grade. He loves nature, music, and learning Kung Fu. Daughter Marlie (4) is a ballet princess and just made of sugar. Thirdly, we are proud to announce another amazing homebirth for the Tuggle family! 4/1/06 we welcomed son Jude. This birth took great effort on the part of myself, of course, midwives, a good girlfriend of mine, husband and kids. Everybody played a vital role in helping me through! Jude is running all over the place now and has won everyone's hearts, including his big brother and sister's."

Lisa DuCharme Elwell lives in London with new husband Tristan and works for Fidelity International. They were married in Grosse Pointe, MI, 9/15/07. In attendance from SBC were **Lindsy Rollenhagen Zook**, **Kara Vlasaty Smith**, and **Katie Gumerson Atlshuler** as bridesmaids and as guests, **Margaret Jenkins**, **Katy Seder,** Ethel Burwell '57. If your travels find you in London be sure to look her up at *lisa.ducharme@uk.fid-intl.com*. Katy will be hearing wedding bells of her own when she marries Adam Karon fall '08. Best wishes, Katy!

Gail Mesdag Shrader is full of baby news! She and Josh expect #3 on 3/08. They welcomed #2, Micah, 7/06. Josh deployed again to Iraq in 11/07 and will return 8/08. They bought their 1st home in Juneau last summer; Gail still enjoys being a stay-at-home mom.

Kerry Coleman-Proksch is a stay-at-home mom with Jack (2) and an adjunct faculty member with Northern Virginia Community Coll. They moved to a new home (still in Woodbridge) and are busy renovating and getting settled. She visited **Amy Cook Rexrode** at her home in WV over the summer, and attended **Sarah Betz Bucciero**'s baby shower. Amy has returned to teaching Title I Reading for K-3rd graders after a wonderful 6 mos. of maternity leave following the arrival of Addison Lynne 3/11/07. Helpful big sister Anna is in preschool and Amy says it's fun to have her at school all day. She tells me Addie is a happy, bubbly baby!

Sarah Betz Bucciero and Paul moved to Locust, NC, in '06 for his job with Michelin Tires. Sarah's working on a 2nd M. Ed in Instructional Technology from VA Tech and has started an eBay/online children's retail business called The Southern Child. They welcomed 1st child Mason on 11/07. Robin Betger Fishburne '96 hosted a baby shower attended by **Kerry Coleman-Proksch**, **Karn Henderson**, living in Arlington, and Jack Braun (husband of the late Mary-Byrd Schroeder Braun '95). She saw **Annette Dusenbury**, **Kerri Rawlings Burtner**, **Katie Clarkson Robertson**, **Alison Hall**, **Suzanne Nifong Baker,** and **Jess Hiveley** at **Melanie Chriscoe Peterson**'s wedding in 4/07 in Greenville, SC. She enjoys her position as Region IV Chair on the Alumnae Board and returning to SBC twice a year for meetings.

Annette Dusenbury, physical therapist at UVA hospital, dabbles in photography on the side. She won a blue ribbon at the Charlottesville fair with a photo of Suzanne riding her horse. Beautiful! She had the good fortune of winning a year's worth of free Chick-fil-et when she camped out overnight with her friends for a contest!

Jessica Hiveley still works as a financial reporting manager at Travelers in downtown St. Paul. She stays busy playing soccer 4–5 days each week, and after 15 yrs of playing she finally scored her 1st goal last summer! She lives in Little Canada, MN, where she recently entertained **Alison Hall** and parents on their venture to the frozen north.

Katie Clarkson Robertson keeps busy with Chase (4 ½) and Gracie (2). Chase starts kindergarten in fall and Gracie is her own, strong-willed, independent woman already! Mark took a position with Carolina Farm Credit while Katie is still at Wachovia as IT Project Manager for a $5 million project. She found time to participate in the 2007 Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Charlotte. Katy Gilliam was the 1st person she saw at registration! Her team graciously "adopted" her. They had a BLAST! Katie had the honor of being at Reunion, but not really at Reunion thanks to a stomach bug! (She claims she got better care and more rest at SBC than she would have at home!) At least Katie had a chance to visit with Jess, Katy, Alison, Melanie, Annette, and me when we spent a week at Edisto Island 9/06!

Alison Hall regularly fails to send news. One of these days I'm going to make up some juicy information, but for now I can tell you that she works too much, plays too little, and really needs to find a new college football team to cheer for! She was able to join Melanie Peters and Annette Dusenbury for a visit with my family 1/08. They learned a lot about life with toddlers that weekend—all seemed to have fun.

I, **Keri Rawlings Burtner**, work part time for the County Commissioners as spokesman and comprehensive plan coordinator, a flexible job that allows me to spend time with Abby (5) and Eli (3). In between ballet classes and soccer practice, I volunteer on the committee for a local charity 10K race and for a fundraising dinner for the Boy Scouts. I had a great opportunity to chaperone a group of Boy Scouts to Sea Base in the FL Keys for a week of SCUBA diving 6/07. Chris is busy as terminal manager for DM Bowman trucking and teaching our kids how to snow ski! He's desperately trying to teach Abby to say "Go Mountaineers" but she's sticking to her guns and telling him she's going to Sweet Briar when she grows up! Class of 2025! Be well my friends. I'll catch you this summer for an update!

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Many of us underwent life transformations this year with relocating, marriage, babies, jobs, or other changes. It's exciting to celebrate our 10th Reunion and anniversary of us meeting the Real World. Now that Reunion is over and we have to wait another 5 yrs to officially get together, please keep your news coming. It's the only way we can keep in touch as a class. If you'd like to see what happened at Reunion, contact me for more info on a DVD Anne-Claire Wackenhut put together.

On the saddest of notes, we lost our friend Heather Reynolds Cecil to cancer on Feb 18. Mary Lea Martin Harris is putting together a scrapbook of our favorite Heather memories for Heather's daughter. Please contact me for more information.

Diana Jordan Avery: "Brent and I are grateful that we get to remain in Richmond. Last fall, his company wanted to re-locate us to Columbus, GA, but Brent got a great offer from Capital One in Richmond, so we jumped at it. I'm getting evaluated for Lasik and will hopefully have surgery 4/14. To top it off, my sister is due to have her baby in late Apr.; I'll get to be an aunt for the 6th time this spring. We're looking forward to meeting nephew Jack when he arrives."

Allison Gerber bought her 1st home; it's on Capitol Hill. She plans to stay in D.C. for the foreseeable future. And Mary Lea **Martin Harris** entered the Peep Diorama contest this year for the *Washington Post* and was selected as one of the semi-finalists for her diorama "Sesame Peep." Her art is on display at: *http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/gallery/2008/03/21/GA2008032101983.html*.

Dana Woodbury Purcell and Lem (HSC '97) welcomed Catherine Kimball Purcell into our world on 11/27/07 at 6lbs, 21 in. They're great in Gainesville, FL, and call her Cakki.

Brent and **Pam Fine Auble** birthed their baby boy, Joshua Delmont Auble, in 1/08.

Marnie Tokaruk Bates had Gillian Isabella Bates on 4/6/08, weighing 8lbs, 3oz and 21 in. So far Connor loves being a big brother. "Let's hope it continues," she says.

Expecting babies in '08: **Darelle Pfeiffer**, **Kindle Samuel Barkus**, **Emily Virkus Calle**.

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Christy Carl Allison commutes between her job in the city and home in the rural town of Lovettsville, VA. Hubby James uses the long (but worth it!) drive to edit his 1st novel and research agents and publishers. Christy is still an assistant director at The Gift Shop in The Herb Cottage at Washington National Cathedral, but plans to moonlight as a small business owner/artist.

Kim Bolz-Andolshek and family welcomed 3rd child Gus on 11/26/07. Kim's family keeps her busy. She's still active with the school board and was appointed chair of the board for '08. Kim plans to run again in the general election for another 4-yr term this fall.

After 3 yrs of prosecuting violations of real estate agent and inspector licensing laws at the Texas Real Estate Commission, **Devon Vasconcellos Bijansky** was promoted to assistant general counsel and is excited to be doing more complex legal work for the agency. She was in D.C. in Mar. for Christine Bump's wedding where she saw several members of the class of '00, but no '99s. Devon looks forward to husband Steve finishing his Ph.D. this year so they can move out of their condo, which they've long since outgrown.

Kenton and **Amy Gibbs Brown** live in Boulder, CO, with sons Cooper (3) and Malcolm (1).

Angela Suzanne Walton is now Angela Suzanne Carpita, after a beautiful wedding and reception at historical William Paca Garden in downtown Annapolis last Jun. Friends and family attended including dear friend **Jessica Tinfo**. Although they were unable to attend the wedding, Angela is in touch with **MaryLea Harris Martin** who has 2 beautiful daughters, **Astrid Liverman** in HI, and **Kibby Jane Bryenton Furgesson**, who is lives in Japan with husband Donnie and 2 sons. Angela and Chris now live in Annapolis, where Chris is in international sales, and Angela teaches science and art at an alternative h. s. They had a wonderful honeymoon in Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard, and this year Angela was able to fulfill her lifelong dream of visiting the Galapagos Islands.

Andrea Capano loves being a parent. Son Alexander will be 2 in Oct. She received her M.S. Ed from the U. of New England and will pursue a Certif. of Advanced Study in School Leadership in fall '08. She still loves teaching m. s. science and is also employed

as District Science Curriculum Chair. Andrea visited SBC in May to participate in a resurvey of COSIP under the direction of Dr. Linda Fink.

Brenda Elze was honorably discharged from the USAF as a Captain after 6 yrs and was hired by Ethicon-Endo Surgery, a Johnson & Johnson affiliate. Her new position is market development and sales for their surgical devices. She relocated to Orlando, FL in Dec. and loves life without winter! Friends are welcome; she's NEVER too busy for guests! **Jen Schmidt Major** and her children visited in mid-Apr., as will **Jill Stromberg**! She also reconnected with **Alex Sienkiewicz-Auer** (thanks to **Abby Schmidt**!) who is well and lives in Boston!

Rachel Barnard Fendley and Bill are expecting their 2nd boy in Jul. Son Will (15 mos.) and Alicia Hart Palmore's ('00) son Henry are in the same preschool class. Bill became a partner in business tax law with McGuire Woods. They're still happy in Richmond with their growing family.

Sarah Kingsley Foley's son Cole (2) enjoys gymnastics and music like his mom. Sarah resigned from coaching cheerleading at VA Wesleyan Coll. last spring and began competing with VA Wild Allstar Gym's open team. She's excited to announce that she's able to do a standing back handspring at 31 yrs! Sarah will coach next season at the new WAVE Allstar cheer gym in Norfolk.

Kris Harris was able to take some much needed time off from work in Jan. right before busy season. She volunteered at an orphanage in Zambia. It was an amazing experience, although at times sad, as all of the kids were AIDS orphans. She stopped in Bostwana for a safari and then worked in South Africa for a few days before heading home. Kris is excited that both she and sister Rhoda Harris '82 are aunts again—3 more nephews this year! This makes 6 nephews!

Lindsey Neef Kelly is 2nd in command of a 20-person foreclosure department and proud to say she's doing her part for the sub-prime mortgage "crisis," even while planning her 2nd maternity leave in 2 yrs. She and Sean are proud of Catherine (3/1/07), who's running everywhere and loves her cat, dog, bubble baths, and Italian food. Lindsey and Sean's current hobbies include watching the Sci-Fi channel on Fri. nights, skipping work to go to Busch Gardens, keeping the little climber from falling off the furniture, and crossing their fingers that their 2nd baby (due 8/29/08) will be as easy and fun as Catherine.

Derek and **Valerie Roche Kite**'s dog Zuma Kai had a litter of 7 adorable puppies (silver labs). Visit *http://zumakai.blogspot.com* for videos and pictures. Not only did they start a puppy blog, but also a blog for their baby (since last fall) with a plethora of pictures and videos (enough to probably make you sick) at *http://thekitefamily.blogspot.com*. Jacob is growing like a weed, at 8 mos. his weight has "slowed down" to 22 lbs. He got his first passport and will become a world traveler (to Greece, Australia, and Italy this year starting in May). They hope to have another fairly soon. They officially launched their coaching business (*www.eti-kite.com*) in Jan.

Meghan Pollard Leypoldt and **Sarah Kinglsey Foley** hosted a baby shower for **Brandi Whitley Hilder**, where **Leslie Hager Holman** and **Jocelyn Wiherle Griemel** joined them—a mini SBC reunion. Life couldn't get any more exciting for Meghan who has had a huge '08 already. She and her husband moved into a beautiful new home by Duke's campus and expect their 1st baby! Meghan is busy planning a babymoon before the little muffin makes his or her debut (due date is 9/15). She stays in touch with **Katelin Chmielinski Garland** and Dana Woodbury Purcell '98. Other than finishing her classes this semester, starting her thesis, working full time, settling into a new home and growing a human, things are rather quiet.

Jen Schmidt Major left her job as a financial aid advisor and enjoys her time at home again with daughters Anna (8), Emily (6), and Allie (6 mos.). She was looking forward to seeing **Brenda Elze** on their trip to Disney World in Apr. She enjoys traveling as much as ever and has a family trip to England on the horizon to visit Mike's parents who moved to London.

Heather McLeod and TJ welcomed their first baby, Eamon Griffin, on 9/20/07 in Austin. They're having lots of fun with Captain Poopypants.

Gina Marie Mondel is in her 8th yr of owning and operating her own private tutoring business, catering to young equestrians on the horse show circuit. She still competes on the circuit and although retired from showing, SBC alum "Woodrow" still travels extensively with Gina, who winters in FL, summers in Lexington, KY, and is always traveling to either tutor or compete (often both!). She regularly sees Cara Meade and keeps in touch with Becky Mansell Wilson '00 and Ashley Black Wood '00.

Emily Sartor Patterson and Brad are expecting their 1st child in Oct. Emily and Brad live in Durham, NC, where Emily works at Duke U. Hospital as a clinical social worker with couples/families who have cancer; they have a chocolate lab and a black lab, who are excited about the new baby.

Holly Green Reed and Tom welcomed the newest member of their family, James Patrick on 2/7/08. Big sister Claire (2) is excited to have a little brother. Holly and family live outside Baltimore and hope to make it to Atlanta this year to visit **Leslie Stokes**.

Cassie Ross still lives in D.C. and works in marketing for a national commercial real estate firm. She keeps busy with her dachshund Bud, traveling to Africa and Europe visiting family and volunteering in the metro area. She stays in touch with **Catherine London Clayton**, **Becky Hamby Marshall**, **Connie Paris Sabo**, **Kaki Dunbar Pafford**, and **Elizabeth Melvin** who are well. She was looking forward to going back to SBC in spring '08 to speak on a career panel and catch up with **Sarah Elkins Ince**, who works in SBC Admissions. She reports that Connie is the mother of Emily (2) and about to give birth to another baby girl. Connie lives outside NYC, but will soon move to MD where her husband, a renowned chef, accepted a new job as the Chef of a 5-star restaurant.

Becky Hamby Marshall moved from D.C. to Oklahoma City where her husband, also a renowned chef, opened a new restaurant.

Kaki Dunbar Pafford lives in Atlanta with her husband (both dentists) and daughter Carter (1).

Catherine London Clayton lives outside of Denver, CO, with her husband and 2 dogs.

Elizabeth Melvin teaches and lives in Durham, NC.

In 1/08, **Andrea Sharretts** accepted a position with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and began training for the position of Farm Service Agency County Executive Director in Franklin County (Chambersburg), PA. She formerly served as the Natural Resources Director at Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and graduated from Penn State's Rural Leadership Program last spring. In 10/07, Andrea was engaged to Andrew Waltman, a computer programmer living in Northampton, MA. A 12/08 wedding is planned.

After graduating from W&L Law in '05, **Amy Smith** headed to NYC for a bite at the Big Apple. She wasn't crazy about the taste of it, though. After 15 mos., she returned to D.C., where she's an attorney at the Board of Veterans' Appeals. Over the holidays, she went to Stowe, VT, with her boyfriend to try her hand at snowboarding. She's happy to report that she lived to tell about it and had a blast!

Jill Triana, **Meredith Bonnell Houff**, and **Marlena Dearman McGuire** completed the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day in San Diego, CA, this past fall. They walked 60 mi. and raised a minimum of $2,200 each. It was a great opportunity to spend quality time together while raising critical funds for breast cancer research and treatment. This was Jill & Marlena's 2nd 3-Day. In '05 they walked 60 mi. along with **Katie Leeming Sparkman**, **Kim Bolz-Adolshek**, and **Natasha White Gamboa**.

Erin Vlasaty is happily settled in St. Louis, where, for the past 3 yrs, she has learned the ins and outs of small business and gourmet quiche while running E & S Food Products, a small frozen food manufacturer. She has also returned to her theater roots and has performed with a number of amateur theaters. In 3/08, she made her "professional" debut at Soundstage Productions.

Lindsay Hicks Watrous was anxiously anticipating the birth of a baby boy in 4/08, and can't wait to touch her toes once more. She's still working as a PR consultant from home, but trying to slow her business down to prepare for maternity leave. She's looking forward to the 10-yr reunion next spring, so she can catch up with the '99 grads she hasn't seen in years!

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Hello, Class of '00! A big "holla holla" to **Evangeline Easterly Taylor** and **Alissa Harris** for being our Giving Co-Chairs. Don't forget to support SBC and help these girls out! Here's what our classmates are up to:

Kimberly Leach Burge and Christian are great, and it's hard to believe this Jun. they'll have been married 8 yrs! They visited family in Australia 12/06 and had a visit with **Dina Orbison**. She's hard at work on her 2nd degree in interior design. Kim continues to work on her grad. certificate in GIS at NCSU, work full time for the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, teaching riding lessons; she owns a small business. She breeds and sells green tree pythons under the business name is Southern Chondros, *www.southernchondros.com*. She visits SBC whenever she can, most recently for the annual spotted salamander march to Guion pond.

Susan Bobb married Jamie Clark on 12/22/07 in Richmond, VA. They met at Penn St. and were delighted to have Marian Spivey-Estrada '01, **Lucy Brooks Thomas,** Shannon Smith '99, Melissa Henning Hill '99, Tina Hansel Snover '99, Melissa Rothwell Pembrook '98, Anne Smith Culver '98, Annette Dusenbury '97 and Lisa Tedder Baker '97 there to cheer them on. After a honeymoon in Canada, the happy couple is back in PA finishing degrees and applying for jobs.

Nicole Rodriguez had a baby boy, Gabriel Kosoko, 2/9/08. She spoke to **Liz Hyland Swann** after the birth of the baby and reports that Liz and family are well. Nicole attended the wedding of **Deona Johnson** in Raleigh, NC. Deona attended SBC freshman year, but transferred to JMU. Nicole still lives in Chicago and, after finishing law school in '03, works in banking regulation and compliance. She passed through SBC over Thanksgiving, it's as beautiful as she remembers.

Casey Herman writes from PA, where she works for Toll Bros. running a townhouse community and says winter there was too cold. She's excited to be in touch with SBC girls through MySpace and Facebook.

Carol Skriloff is busy working and

completing her M.BA at Tulane. Over Easter, she planned to go to Chile, then on trips to Paris and Madrid to see Susana Bobadilla '01, in Madrid and Singapore, Shanghai, Beijing, Xi'an, and Hong Kong. She plans to squeeze in a fishing trip with **Renee Dupré** as well.

Kibbyjane Bryenton Fergusson emails from her new home in Japan, which she shares with husband Donnie and children Iain and Anna. They plan to be there until 1/10 and have already gone on adventures to Kamakura to see a 13th century Buddha and Yokohama.

Elissa Pugh and Enil welcomed Ziggy Joaquin on 12/20/07 and enjoyed visits from Sarah Elkins '99 and **Kate Kenefick**. After maternity leave, Elissa returned to her teaching job and is fortunate to work at a wonderful Montessori school where she can have Ziggy with her in the classroom.

Amanda Atkinson has traveled around the world working as a resident director with Semester at Sea. Noah joined her thanks to the writers' strike. They experienced Carnival in Brazil, skydive in Cape Town, saw the Taj Mahal in India, visited Kuala Lumpur, did a home stay in Japan, and sailed the Panama Canal—the trip of a lifetime!

Anne-Ryan Sinnot Craig in Fishersville, VA, works at JMU. Matt works in the city of Alexandria as a firefighter and daughter Abbey was 2 in May. She sees **Kimberly Earehart Coleman** and daughter Claire often.

Erin Wright East and John expect their 2nd child in Oct. Son Jack will be 3 in Nov.

Amanda writes: "I'm in Afghanistan working at the embassy in Kabul. I saw **Evangeline Taylor**, **Lindsay Perkins**, and **Christine Bump Papasavvas** on my last visit to the States. I was sorry to miss Christine's wedding on 3/8, but I was back over here by then. Things are going well; I'll be stateside in Oct."

Christine Bump Papasavvas and Elias were married 3/8/08 at St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Cathedral in D.C. Bridesmaids included **Ginny Gilbert Smith**, **Mikal-Ellen Bennett**, and "fabulous maid of honor" **Lindsay Perkins**. Dr. Green and wife Lynn Buck, Devon Vasconcellos Bijansky '99, **Evangeline Easterly Taylor** and Eric, **Kim Harden Felta** and Chad, **Lucy Brooks Thomas** and Mike, and Ginny's husband (Mike) attended. Mikal-Ellen's daughter Melody Ryanne was the flower girl. Christine and Elias live in downtown D.C., 2 doors down from **Vicki Zak** and her husband!

Evangeline Easterly Taylor recently won the First Place Double Helix Award in the Oncology Research Technicians Poster Session at Johns Hopkins U. She enjoyed attending Christine's wedding, as did **Ginny Gilbert Smith**. Ginny and Michael are almost finished working on their 1915 house and hope it'll be complete by summer. Ginny accepted a position with the U.S. Small Business Administration and looks forward to the change from nonprofit to government. Anyone is welcome to stop by and visit upstate NY; the summers and falls are beautiful.

Amy Hess Snawder's husband Jared returned from Iraq in11/07 and 3 days later they received an assignment to Australia. Amy arrived in Australia on 3/10/08 and enjoys the Melbourne area. She's getting used to driving on the "wrong" side of the road and having everyone ask about her American accent! She says that at Jared's Change of Command ceremony she ran into Mishja Anthony Williams '99, whose husband is also a Signal Officer and who is stationed at Fort Huachuca. Amy says Mishja is expecting their 1st child in Jun.

Marilen Sarian has been busy working as a photographer (*www.ARTINSPIRED.com*), notably shooting the cover photos for the Williamsburg's *Next Door Neighbors* Magazine. Acting is still on her plate; she did a little part that will be airing on the Discovery Channel this fall. She's been working as a Ballroom Dance Instructor for Christopher Newport U. and at Amy's Dance Studio in Newport News, VA.

Alison Stockdale and husband Adam Newcomer went on a "babymoon" to San Francisco in 11/07 before Alison was too pregnant to travel and on 2/17/08, they welcomed Annika Lynn to the family! Her mother says she's precious and finds it hard to sleep alone since family and friends are always holding her. Since the baby is here, Alison has resigned as Young Alumnae Giving Co-Chair, but is proud of Evangeline and Alissa for working on the Class of '00's behalf to raise money for the Annual Fund. Annika went down to SBC in 4/08 for her 1st visit.

Kristen Lawlor Steege had her 1st baby, Cordelia, at the end of Nov. Kristen says she should be in the class of '30!

Also expecting babies in '08: **Lindsey Brooker Brooks** and **Liz Keating Michaels**!

As for me, **Elizabeth Davis Baker**, I'm hoping to graduate with my M.A. in English from East Carolina U. this Dec. I enjoyed going to SBC Day in Raleigh in Jan.; thanks to Cady Thomas '98 for opening her home for the crowd. I look forward to seeing **Lindsey Brooks** and Leslie Hardy Dunville '99 in Apr. and can't wait for the wedding of Brook Tucker '02 in June. Thank you for your well wishes for my father, who has had cancer. I'm happy to report that he's enjoying a clean bill of health. I wish the same for all of you, and I hope to hear from more of you next time! Don't forget that you can post your class news anytime at *http://sbcclassof2000.blogspot.com/*.

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Wow, the Class of '01 has been busy! We have lots of exciting news to share.

Ameka Reeves Cruz is finishing her 3rd year teaching Special Education at Jefferson Forest h. s. in Forest, VA. She enjoys her 2 kids, Timbre (10/7/02) and Jeremiah (6/13/07). They're growing so fast; it's hard to believe that Jeremiah's 1st birthday is right around the corner and that Timbre will finish kindergarten. Ameka's husband, Scott is well. He finished his degree in Mechanical Engineering and has enjoyed having more family time. Ameka and Scott put their house in Lynchburg, VA, up for sale. They're hoping to find something that will have bigger bedrooms for the kids and more closet/storage space. Ameka thinks about her SBC friends and would like to keep in touch. Her e-mail address is *acruz@bedford.k12.va.us*.

Emily Black Burns and Roy still enjoy Boston, though they try to spend much of the winter away, skiing in UT or seeking warmer climates. Over the summer, they celebrated Roy's 30th birthday in VT with friends, including **Lys Burdette Paulhus** and Michael. The Burns kicked off '08 with 2 wks in Argentina—Christmas in Buenos Aires, then Iguazu Falls, Mendoza, and the Valle de Uco, both at the foot of the Andes and the principal wine-growing regions of Argentina. Emily started a new job in Feb. as a senior product marketing manager at Pegasystems Inc. in Cambridge. While she misses the short commute down the stairs to a home office, and sometimes the trips to CA, she enjoys being back in an office with all the attendant energy and dramas.

Erin Alberda spends long hours in cafeterias and crams for exams all over again. She's working on an M. A. in Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine. She's also long-listed for the US Paralympic Team; fingers crossed everyone that she'll represent SBC and the U.S. in Beijing!

Jennifer Lea Lampton started a web development company on 1/1/08. After more than 4 yrs with her last job in the web, she's focused primarily on themes and programming for Drupal, an open-source content management system. Also active in the Drupal community, Jen has made lots of friends, business relationships, and client connections. See *www.jeneration.com* for more info.

This summer, **Sarah Belanger** is running a half marathon to fundraise for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. To make a donation, please visit: *http://www.active.com/donate/napa08national/4girls4acure*.

Christy Holterman Ziegler and her husband bought their 1st home last fall in Park Slope, Brooklyn. They stay in touch with Yana Wagg Gardephe '93 and her husband and children who live 4 blocks away. **Alison Brown Breene** and **Hillary Herlehy** made the trip up to NY over Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend to celebrate Christy's birthday.

Lori Kovatch Long and her husband enjoy living in KY and running the Bella Vista Equestrian Center. They are currently home to 4 cats, 15 horse,s and a quickly growing Great Dane. They hope to start building on their new house this summer. Lori started a job as the Quality Control Manager at Kentucky BioProcessing, LLC this spring.

Jana Putnam Sayler was married on 8/4/07 to Erik Sayler in Spanaway, WA. They're well in Tallahassee, FL. Jana enjoys working in the tax department of the largest local CPA firm in Tallahassee, Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A. Erik finishes 2 yrs of service as a staff attorney at the First District Court of Appeal in summer '08.

Natasha Nickodem lives in Chicago with Siamese cat Camille and boyfriend Matt. She is an assistant director of development at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Erin Bronson is marrying Josh Phillips (HSC), 5/10/08 in Key West, FL.

Dawn Martin gave birth to a baby girl, Katherine Marie, 4/22/07. Katie will be SBC class of '29! Being a mother is the most wonderful thing that has ever happened to Dawn. She will visit **Liz Parker** this spring who is expecting her 2nd child this year.

Megan Thomas Rowe and Matthew (HSC '03) celebrated their daughter's 1st birthday in Feb. Megan enjoyed spending time with **Kate Talaber** and **Jennifer Stringfellow** in Mar. Megan looks forward to being in **Angela Rodriguez**'s wedding in Sept. Megan is anxiously awaiting the birth of **Rami Achterberg Heer**'s baby in Aug!

Lauren Kaplan Slobin married Cary on 9/2/07 in Dallas, TX. Her bridesmaids included **Alison Brown Breene** and **Ebeth McGovern Brann**. Also in attendance were **Hillary Herlehy**, **Lori Kovatch Long**, **Laurna Kaatz**, **and Christy Holterman Ziegler**. Lauren and Cary live in Dallas and expect her 2nd child this summer! Ebeth visited a pregnant Lauren this spring with her daughter Isabelle.

Elizabeth "Lizard" Haeberle Davis and James expect their 1st child, a boy, in 7/08! Elizabeth enjoyed visiting **Sarah Herndon Sydnor**, **Melissa Campos Bartolomeo**, **Nikki Gilkison LaRue**, **Hunter McOwen Byrd**, and **Heather Kacho** at Hunter's lovely Charleston, SC, home last summer. **Elizabeth Finch Wright** expects her 1st child, a little girl! She's due in late Jul. and can't wait for her daughter to join the growing number of '30 SBCers!

Jenn Graves, Adam, and identical twins Gavin and Blake live in Norfolk, VA. They're excited to be expecting their 3rd in Jul., a baby girl. The Graves have a family Web site they keep updated for friends and family near and far: *www.babyhomepages.net/gravesfamily*.

Spencer and I, **Amanda Campbell Wright** are pleased that we'll be welcoming an addition to our family this summer, too! Campbell will have a new little brother or sister in late Aug!

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Hi Ladies, the winter has been busy for some of you, so Lori and I thought we'd catch you up to date. **Tamara Metzfield** is expecting her 2nd child in Jul, another little girl. She has been staying home full time since she had daughter Emma and absolutely loving it! She also celebrated her 5th wedding anniversary with Dennis Metzfield (HSC '02). She sees **Christi Rose Hart** and her beautiful daughter Kendall often. She's also going to TX in Apr to visit **Meg Pringle** and planning a trip to see **Meg Anderson** and **Krista S. Ziegenfuss** in D.C. **Sophie Wackenhut** lives in Atlanta with son Hudson, 1 on 5/23. She'll be heading up to SBC in early may to attend her sister Celeste's ('08) graduation! **Katie Fraser** and her husband moved to Grosse Pointe, MI, expecting a baby boy in April! **Liz Waring McCracken** and Chris just found out they were moving to Washington, PA (near Pittsburg) in Jun. for 3 years. He's completing a family medicine residency while Liz tries to find a teaching job. If there's anyone in the Pittsburg area, she would love to hear from you! **Katie McNamara Brown** and Jesse are expecting a baby girl in Jun! Future SBC Class of '30! Her pregnancy is going well, families are excited! They still live in Woodbridge, VA, where she teaches Biology at Forest Park h. s. Little sister Maggie McNamara '11 is finishing her 1st year at SBC and this summer will be home to work and ride their horses while Katie recovers from her pregnancy. Katie is also finishing her MA and Jesse will be done with his program, 12/08. She and Jessie will attend **Jee Park**'s wedding this Apr., can't wait to see other SBC girls there. If anyone is in the area, her home is open for visitors. **Sara Lopez** got engaged to her boyfriend of 5 yrs in Oct. She's planning a fall '08 wedding. They just purchased their 1st home. She spoke with **Sarah Madison Maxey** who is pregnant and will celebrate her 1st wedding anniversary in May. **Becky Cefaratti** is STILL working on her dissertation! But it's progressing well. It's on the religious activity of Hellenistic and Roman Xanthus, a city in modern day Turkey. While she's finishing up, Becky teaches in the department of History and Classics at Canisius Coll. She saw **Tia Trout Perez** while in Chicago in Jan. for a professional conference, and Mindy Wolfrom '05, professors Eric Casey (he won a prestigious teaching award at this conference), and Cathy Gutierrez. She and her adorable puppy have recently celebrated 4.5 yers together! **Amanda Stevens** and her husband both passed the CA bar and were sworn in in Dec. She is handling misdemeanor trials with the District Attorney's office and is happy with her job and her life. **Stacey Armentrout Fallah** and Eric welcomed their 1st child into the world 2/29, a healthy boy named Jackson Ahmad Fallah. They're happy and excited and slightly sleep derpived! Also, fellow classmate **Rachel Roth** and Toby are one pair of Jackson's Godparents. Jackson is a special blessing to the Fallah family, since Stacy lost her father suddenly and unexpectedly in Jul. Jackson, named after Stacy's father, is definitely a bright light in their lives. **Jamie Oliver Miller** married on 4/21/07. Katie Wood Rea '01 was her matron of honor. In 1/08, she was appointed Deputy Emergency Services Coordinator by the Board of Supervisors for Nelson County. **Melissa Rudder** has a new job as event manager at the Blue Smoke/ Jazz Standard Restaurant in Manhattan. Otherwise things are pretty quiet! **Sonya Truman** is an attorney with the Malm Law Group, PC in Atlanta, GA, specializing in insurance coverage defense and civil litigation. She spends visits Christy Maxwell '03, also an Atlanta resident. She had dinner with Lys Burdette Paulhus '01, who moved to Atlanta in 10/07. Sonya and Lys are working on breathing new life into the SBC Atlanta Alumnae Chapter and will be contacting SBC alumnae in the area about planning events. Jenn Stingfellow '01 visited her in Atlanta for a weekend and they had fun catching up. Sonya is excited about seeing **Christi Rose Hart** and sweet daughter Kendall in Greenville, SC, in Apr. for Christi's little brother's wedding. **Maria Thacker** is excited about her wedding in May, in Disney World, and has a busy spring! For her bachelorette party, **Lori Smith Nilan**, **Denise McDonald**, **Kelly Monical**, **Brook Tucker**, and Ashley Johnston McGee '03 helped her celebrate in Atlanta. Along with some of Maria's other friends, they had a fun time learning how to Pole dance and catch up with each other. **Lori Smith Nilan** is going broke from being in 3 weddings this summer, but enjoying life in Midlothian. She and Andrew enjoy their little dog Brigit. Lori is glad that Denise McDonald moved close by, they enjoy hanging out! And lastly I, **Brook Tucker**, am glad that wedding planning is going well and excited that it's almost here! Aside from hiccups here and there, the planning has gone smoothly! Trey is somewhat settled in our new house and I'll be moving in Jun! Nursing school is going well; we all look like deer in headlights when we visit our clinical spots, but it will get better. Thanks to all of you who submitted notes. Have a great summer!

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Virginia Leigh Uchello married Daniel Lyon on 4/26/08 in Old Town, Alexandria, VA. Bridesmaids included: **Megan Doughtie**, **Kristin Farris**, **Danielle Ross Dberg**, and **Carrie DeShazor** Amy Gardner Adams '02 and Rachel Craft Hagan '04 also attended. The couple honeymooned in Jamaica and will reside in their condo near the Pentagon. Virginia works in Recruiting for Deloitte and Danny is a video journalist for ABC7 in Washington, D.C. They met at a TV station in Miami.

Mara Wegerski graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in MI during winter '07. She is currently studying for the bar exam!

Blair Baigent recently visited **Allison Albanis**, to see her new home in Park Ridge, NJ and to celebrate her recent engagement to Dax Strohmeyer! Allison and Dax are planning a fabulous 5/09 wedding at The Breakers in PalmBeach, FL. I'm sure it will be a great mini reunion! Congratulations Ali girl!

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Abby Adams '06 is currently in the United Arab Emirates completing her Nursing School Rotation in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. She heads back to the U.S. in May to graduate on the 22nd. She hasn't accepted a job yet, but has been offered one near Baltimore and hopes to stay there for a year or 2 before heading on adventures elsewhere. Before going abroad, she was still living with **Joanna Meade** in Baltimore and spent New Years Eve with Lindsey Cline '07 and **Jenn Wiley** Joanna, Lindsey, **Meg Shortridge Freda** and husband, and Abby have plans to go on a cruise the end of May.

Michelle Badger moves to Boston in Jul. and starts graduate school at Suffolk U. in Boston this Sept. She's enrolling in a joint degree MA program in Public Administration and Political Science with a concentration in Professional Politics. She's really excited! If anyone comes to Boston let her know. She hopes to come back for Homecoming and see many of you!

Ellena Bethea teaches h. s. biology in Louisville, KY.

Michelle Clark Bowe and her husband are expecting their 1st child, Lillian Grace, in Jun. They live in Tampa, FL.

Spring is here, days are getting longer and it's . . snowy? **Nicki Brandt** reports that AK is still under snow, but it makes for great snowboarding! Dec. gave her a break, home for Christmas vacations and traveling to Disney World with **Lauren Martin**, and meeting up with **Melissa Massy** also home for Christmas. She attended the Tidewater VA SBC Day Alumnae event with **Cara Cherry**. A current student asked if they were prospectives! In Feb., Nicki traveled to San Jose, CA, to see **Julie Drake** and interviewed at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories. Nicki is applying for graduate programs in Marine Biology and field positions. If all goes well, she'll get a break from the AK winters and head south in fall.

Victoria Chappell loves Palm Beach, FL. She works full time for Newsmax Medias and part time for a doctor's office. Besides work, she's having fun in the year-round, beautiful weather and loves visitors! **Suzy Harvey Hodge** came for a fun whirlwind trip in Mar. and one of her best friends from JYF soon followed! This summer Victoria hopes to travel when her boyfriend comes home from serving in the Middle East. Also, she loves running into alumnae in the grocery store while wearing her SBC shirt!

Cara Cherry is finishing her 2nd year at Virginia-Maryland Regional Coll. of Veterinary Medicine. It's has been the hardest academic year of her life, so unfortunately she hasn't done much else other than study. Keep reading for more interesting people.

Jennifer Jones Collins still teaches 8th grade science in KY and had a wonderful spring as the school year entered its final 9 wks. She's excited for the wedding of her close friend **Charis Lease-Trevathan** to Christopher Chase (VMI) on 6/21/08! In Jul., Jennifer's husband Thomas will finally be granted his 18 days leave from Iraq. Thomas has been deployed since 9/07 and won't return for good until Dec. Jennifer and Thomas will travel through Italy and Germany during his leave in Jul. They can't wait!

Kelly Crist returned to the U.S. last month after serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mali, West Africa. She began a new job at the U.S. Grains Council in D.C. as the International Operations Coordinator for Asia.

She's excited about being back in the states and is looking forward to reconnecting with any and all of her classmates in the area.

Kate Dobie works for Cooper–Hewitt, National Design Museum in New York, NY.

Henslee Evans lives and works in Charleston, SC, as a Kindergarten Associate Teacher at Ashley Hall. She attended Ashley Hall, an all girls school.

Charlotte Formichella's band, Driftwood Fire, will be releasing a new CD this Jun. and will be on tour in the Rocky Mountain and Midwest region, check it out at *www.DriftwoodFire.com.*

Brooke Helburn still works at BET and is having a blast in NYC!

Laura Ann Humphress has been accepted into grad school in the UK and is excited to be heading over next year to study Historic Conservation.

Julie Jacocks is well and still lives in the D.C. area. She's busy with work and toys with the idea of law school. She has taken the LSATs, but is contemplating the GMAT and going to get her MBA. We'll see what she finally decides!

Nancy Kleinhas is working at SBC in the Alumnae Office as the Asst. Director and says that it's so much fun! She was able to travel out to TX in winter for SB Days and met with alumnae, it was a blast. She hopes everyone is well!

Charis Lease-Trevathan is planning her 6/21 wedding to Chris Chase (VMI). Chris gets home from Iraq on 5/30 and is stationed at Ft. Stewart near Savannah, GA. It's hard planning a wedding in VA when the groom is in GA, but a whole lot easier than when he is in Iraq! When Charis isn't working or planning the wedding, she gets to look at apartments and for a new job near Savannah.

Allison Martell still lives in SC and works for Westinghouse Nuclear.

By the time you read this **Kerri Faust** and **Melissa Massy** will be deep into their 3 mo. wilderness expedition called "Living on Earth: Naked in the Woods." After living in the big city of Denver for 1.5 yrs they've been challenged in many ways and thought that spending time away from the city life and getting back to nature would be a great opportunity to reconnect with their inner selves. "We look forward to this time to refresh, challenge, spend time sitting and pondering big life questions like: who do I want to be? what is my purpose? I am on the right path? We both look forward to sharing these challenging, crazy stories with you once we make it out of the woods. Please keep us in your thoughts as I'm sure we'll be struggling to adjust for a while. We leave you all with this final quote 'You can't be suspicious of a tree, or accuse a bird or squirrel of subversion or challenge the ideology of a violet.'"

Courtney Matthews is finishing her 1st year of grad school at the U. of MN. She is enrolled in the French MA program and enjoys it.

Maggie Murray is still in the Peace Corps in Panama missing SBC girls like crazy. She plans to attend a reunion BBQ at Karen Denehy's ('05) farm on her visit to the states in Apr.!

Shanthi Ramesh has 9 wks to go in her 1st year of medical school! She attends the Boonshoft School of Medicine at Wright State U. in Dayton, OH, and loves it. She has been working on developing a PharmFree policy for her school and got great ideas at the 58th Annual Convention, Healthcare r(Evolution) of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), over spring break. This summer, she'll be doing clinical research with a local trauma surgeon using ultrasound to predict post-surgical complications. She makes frequent trips to Washington, D.C. and has caught up with **Sara Coffey**, **Olivia Ungerer**, **Laura Ann Humphress**, **Chris Murphy**, **Maureen Mcguire**, and **Alicia Gorman**. In Oct., she adopted a tortoiseshell cat named Ava who keeps her company during her long hours studying. She has 4 wks off in Jul. and hopes for a reunion with her SB lovelies!

Stephanie Scherer McCallister moved to Williamsburg, VA, to start her job as a riding instructor at Stonehouse Stables in Toano, VA, *www.stonehousestables.com.* September '06 changed her life, she had a bad riding fall and broke her collar bone, which took 11 mo. to fix. It delayed her wedding and work at the barn. But she married her h. s. sweetheart, William McCallister III in Lexington at a bed and breakfast on 9/2/07. Freshman year roommate **Ivey Tabor Godfrey** was her matron of honor. She teaches at the stables, trains her boarder collie puppy for agility, and is looking into buying her 1st home!

Cole Shanholtz bought a house in Mar. in downtown Athens. She's still teaching in Hart County and plans to travel to Italy with 9 of her students in summer. She is planning a trip to see **Susan O'Brien** and **Sarah Mouri** in Canada. **Samantha Heckert** is planning a visit to see her new house! Exciting things happening!

Melanie Stine is a graduate student at VA Tech in the geography department. She's earning an M.A. in biogeography.

Ivey Tabor Godfrey and husband Ryan expect Caroline Margaret Godfrey in Jul!

Jodie Weber still works as a police officer with the City of Charlottesville. She was appointed as an evidence technician in the forensics unit. She doesn't ride much anymore, but plans to start when her mare (4) comes to VA. She stays busy with work and training to run a marathon.

Joanna Wood and Rob got engaged on New Years Eve and are planning a summer '09 wedding. They live and work in the D.C. area and are excited about getting married. She, **Chris Murphy**, and **Alicia Gorman** get together as often as possible.

Katie Vaughan currently lives in Old Town Alexandria with **Joanna Wood** and is a Financial Advisor with Smith Barney. She was elected to the board of directors for the Junior League of Northern VA where she's able to improve her community through volunteer efforts. When not working, volunteering, or leading a Bible study, Katie has been traveling and keeping in touch with SB friends. Katie and Ferrell Lyles '07 enjoyed hosting a dinner party; while passing through Atlanta she connected with Joyce Scott '05; and she and **Amy Walker Laughlin** have run in a couple of charity 5k races. Katie was also able to reunite with **Amy Walker Laughlin**, **Ivey Tabor Godfrey**, **Stephanie Scherer McCallister** and Amanda Watts '05 at the wedding of Jennifer Sirois '05 and Jake Campbell. Katie, **Kathy Wilson**, and **Kim Wilson** had a wonderful time catching up over Mint Juleps at the KY Derby.

Colleen Karaffa Murray still edits this mag. She's busy with wedding preparations for her sister and good friend from UVA, Annie. She'll become an aunt this summer when Brandon's brother and wife have their baby girl! Colleen's next big creative project is learning to sew. Her puppy Charlie is too cute and keeps their little family entertained.

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The Sound of Music

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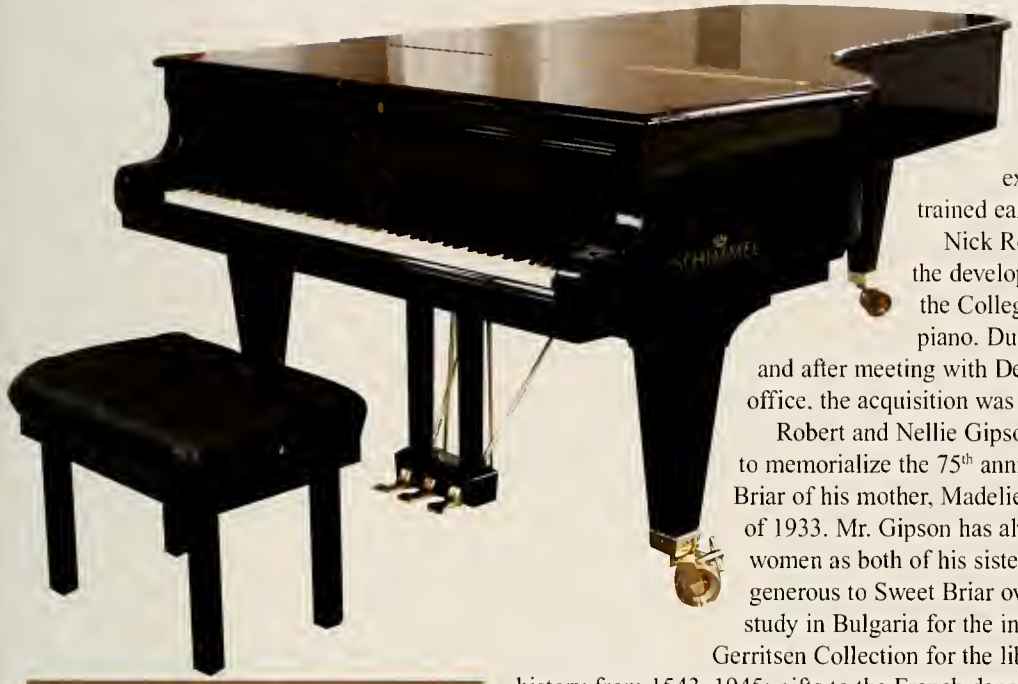

Soft chords of music resonate clearly through the spiring chapel at Sweet Briar College. This is not an unusual occurrence, but the new hand-built Schimmel concert grand piano offers an exceptional sound, even to those without a trained ear.

Nick Ross, assistant professor of music, spoke at the development office staff meeting last year about the College's pressing need for a new concert grand piano. During a visit to Sweet Briar by a loyal donor, and after meeting with Dean Jonathan Green and the development office, the acquisition was proposed.

Robert and Nellie Gipson were considering an appropriate way to memorialize the 75th anniversary of the graduation from Sweet Briar of his mother, Madeliene *LePine* Gipson, a member of the Class of 1933. Mr. Gipson has always been surrounded by Sweet Briar women as both of his sisters are also graduates. Mr. Gipson has been generous to Sweet Briar over the years, providing a scholarship for study in Bulgaria for the international studies department; funding the Gerritsen Collection for the library, a world-wide database on women's history from 1543–1945; gifts to the French department; and giving an unrestricted reunion gift in his sister's honor last year. This piano is a beautiful gift in memory of Mrs. Gipson.

Madeleine *LePine* Gipson '33 as a senior at Sweet Briar.

"A gift of this magnitude to the department and the College is gratefully received," says Rebecca McCord, professor of music. "It boosts our appeal to potential students and faculty." She is reverent when she speaks about this piano. "This instrument, this Schimmel grand, has an even tone from bass to treble, with a lot of resonance in each register, making it easy to handle and a joy to play."

Nick Ross has taught two students on the new Schimmel. "You can't teach students to play really well on a piano that is in poor technical shape," he explains. "The things I've been able to teach them about tone, I couldn't do before. There are a lot of technical innovations in this piano that make it easier to play. It is as beautiful as any I've played on." The professors shopped at two dealers in New York and Richmond including Steinway, and played six instruments before making their decision. They did not specifically require a Schimmel, but as they narrowed their search, it became clear that it was the best choice. Dean Green describes the success of the buying trip: "They went to New York to buy a Cadillac, and they came back with a top-of-the-line Mercedes."

These professors appreciate the importance of having an exceptional piano on which students can learn, but it is also necessary in drawing top concert artists for guest recitals. "You need a good instrument available for them to be willing to come to your venue and perform," Nick explains. "It expands the musical life of the College."

An inaugural faculty recital was held on Reunion Weekend on Saturday, May 17, at 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Scheduled musicians were Dean Jonathan Green, Professor Rebecca McCord, Assistant Professor Nick Ross, and Instructor of Music Jana Ross.

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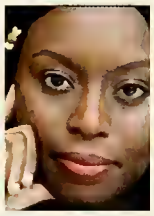

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